

Farmsafe WA Alliance

- Founded by Farmers, for Farmers -

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Farmsafe WA's New Projects for 2012...

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...In the Midwest Region!

Farmsafe WA Alliance has received funding from the Department of Health, Western Australia to run three projects in the **Midwest region** during 2011/2012.

The Department of Health has been a long time supporter of Farmsafe WA Alliance and we are happy to have them on board for another year! The projects in question are:

- Emergency Care and Injury Management
- Safety of Young People in Agriculture
- Promotion and Distribution of Resources

These projects will see the Farmsafe WA team work with the farming and rural communities, schools and health professionals in the Midwest.

If the projects are successful in the Midwest, Farmsafe WA Alliance will receive further funding to continue to run them in the Great Southern region in 2012/2013.

Please continue reading to find out more about these projects...



Workshop Details MARCH 2012

CARNAMAH

MONDAY 5TH MARCH
2.30-5.30 PM

MORAWA

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH
2.30-5.30 PM

MINGENEW

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH
2.00-5.00 PM

GERALDTON

SATURDAY 10TH MARCH
2.00-5.00 PM

MULLEWA

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH
1.30-4.30 PM

CUE

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH
10.00-1.00 PM

MT MAGNET

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH
2.00-5.00 PM

(VENUES TO BE ADVISED)

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE NOW!

Places are limited so to ensure your place at this workshop please register now! Early registrations go in the draw to win a mystery prize!

Emergency Care and Injury Management

The Emergency Care and Injury Management project has previously run as a pilot project in the Southwest region of WA. Following a positive evaluation, the Department of Health, Western Australia has continued funding for this project, extending it into the Midwest and Great Southern regions in respective years.

The project involves the facilitation of a series of **FREE workshops** through the **Midwest region** in 2012—presented in partnership with **Fire & Emergency Services Authority of WA (FESA)**, **Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)**, **WA Regional Police** and **St John Ambulance**.

The workshops will be conducted as a set of interactive skill stations, each led by the different emergency services. Participants will acquire knowledge and skills in topics such as practical first aid, responding to and managing emergency situations, emergency

preparedness and the role these key organisations play in the community.

The workshops are expected to run for three hours and refreshments will be provided. All participants will be given a show bag containing a number of freebies, including safety information and resources.

Farmsafe WA Alliance encourages people from all age ranges and walks of life to attend this community workshop — at no cost it is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet your local emergency service representatives and get together with other community members!

To **register your interest and attendance** at your local workshop, please contact Farmsafe WA Alliance on **9359 4118**, email us at **admin@farmsafewa.org**, or visit our website at **www.farmsafewa.org**

The Emergency Care and Injury Management Project is an initiative of Farmsafe WA Alliance and is funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia and supported by the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS), St John Ambulance, Fire and Emergency Service Authority (FESA) and the WA Regional Police.



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Safety of Young People in Agriculture

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Farmsafe WA in conjunction with **School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA)**, **WA Regional Police** and **St John Ambulance** are holding 2 hour **workshops** in Midwest schools for upper primary-aged students. Parents and caregivers will also be invited to participate, as Farmsafe WA recognises them as the main reinforcers of key messages in children's lives.

Funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia, the primary aim of the project and workshops is to increase the knowledge and awareness of hazards and risks associated with living on or visiting rural properties. This is important as statistics show that a child dies on an Australian farm each fortnight, with one third of these children being visitors to farms.

The workshops will be structured as 4 interactive stations run by SDERA, WA Regional Police, St John Ambulance and Farmsafe WA. This will allow children, parents and caregivers to

interact and engage in the stations within smaller groups.

In addition to increasing awareness of the hazards and risks, participants will also receive information on how to respond to and deal with emergency situations.

By educating children, teachers, parents and caregivers about farm safety we are hoping to contribute to a reduction in the number of injury deaths among children in rural settings.

The project will be evaluated through pre and post workshop questionnaires for both children and parents/teachers. These questionnaires will measure their knowledge, attitudes and intended behaviours and help us to determine the impact of the workshops.

Pending the successful delivery of this project in the Midwest region, Farmsafe WA Alliance will be able to continue the project into the Great Southern in 2012/2013.



The Safety of Young People in Agriculture Project is an initiative of Farmsafe WA Alliance and is funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia and supported by the St John Ambulance, School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) and the WA Regional Police.



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SDERA
SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION & ROAD AWARE



Promotion & Distribution of Resources



Every Questionnaire Counts!

Please follow this [LINK](#) to access the resources and questionnaires on our website.

Remember to complete both the pre and post questionnaires.

The *Promotion and Distribution of Resources* project targets **Farmers** and **Health Professionals** in the **Midwest region** and focuses on promoting, distributing and evaluating three resources in particular, which have been produced by the Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety (AgHealth). The resources in question are:

- Farm Health and Safety Toolkit for Rural General Practices
- The Great Idea Bank
- Preventing Falls in Older Farmers

These resources were developed in the Eastern states; however awareness of them in Western Australia is assumed to be low and their appropriateness and usefulness for Western Australian Farmers and Health Professionals is yet to be determined.

Farmsafe WA Alliance is seeking the support of Farmers and Health Professionals in the Midwest region, who we are asking to review these resources and provide us with feedback via a short pre and post-use questionnaire. For ease of completion, the questionnaires are mostly tick-box questions and take less than 5 minutes to fill out. Participating in this project will simply involve having the resources sent to you to review, using the resources as you see fit and completing and returning the questionnaire forms to Farmsafe WA Alliance.

We hope that the recommendations and feedback you provide through these questionnaires will allow Farmsafe WA to make required changes or produce new resources. This will allow us to provide the farming community and Health Professionals who practice in rural areas of Western Australia with optimum farm health and safety materials. Farmsafe WA Executive Officer Sheila Payne commented *"If the project is successful in the Midwest region we will be able to continue to facilitate it in the Great Southern region the following year, which is why we are so reliant on the good will of Midwest Farmers and Health Professionals to participate in the project and provide us with data to evaluate."*

If you would like more information or want to help Farmsafe WA by participating in the *Promotion and Distribution of Resources* project, please contact Farmsafe WA Alliance to have a copy of the resources and questionnaires sent to you.

You can also access the resources and questionnaires on our website, by clicking [here](#). (You will need to contact Farmsafe WA for a copy of the Great Idea Bank as this resource is not available on the web). Your involvement is most appreciated by Farmsafe WA Alliance — and in turn, the farming community!

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