

Grain bin safety emphasized

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Whenever possible, don't enter a grain bin. If someone must enter the bin, as a farm owner/operator remember to:

—Break up crusted grain from the outside of the bin with a long pole. When using a pole, check to see that it doesn't come into contact with electric lines.

—Wear a harness attached to a properly secured rope.

—Stay near the outer wall of the bin and keep walking if the grain should start to flow. Get to the bin ladder or safety rope as quickly as possible.

—Always have another person, preferably two people, outside the bin who can help if one becomes entrapped.

—Grain fines and dust may cause difficulty in breathing. Anyone working in a grain bin, especially for the purpose of cleaning the bin, should wear an appropriate dust filter or filter respirator.

—Always stay out of grain bins, wagons and grain trucks when unloading equipment is running.

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