

# Your safety comes first when working around grain bins

Working on a farm is exciting and challenging — and sometimes a little dangerous no matter your age or level of experience. Building great safety habits now will serve you well later in life.

## Safety starts with you

A few things you should know about grain bins

Flowing grain acts like quicksand;  
it takes

**less than  
5 seconds**

to become trapped<sup>1</sup>

Nearly

**1 in 5  
entrapments**

involve youths under the age of  
20 years old<sup>1</sup>

One bushel of grain weighs

**56 pounds**

a 165-pound person buried  
chest-deep would require 765  
pounds of force to pull out<sup>2</sup>

If grain bin entry is  
truly necessary,

## follow safe bin-entry procedures



- 1 Use a grain bin entry permit.
- 2 De-energize and lock out all equipment.
- 3 Test the bin atmosphere for toxic gases and oxygen levels.
- 4 Never walk down grain.
- 5 Wear a body harness secured to a lifeline that's attached to a fixed anchor point.
- 6 Utilize at least one outside observer who can both see and hear you.

## Stand T.A.L.L.<sup>3</sup> around grain bins

If you work around grain bins — especially in empty grain storage structures — it's important to pay close attention to your surroundings. That's why we're so passionate about Stand T.A.L.L. It's a program to help young workers feel empowered to ask questions if they don't understand a task or are uncomfortable performing it.



### TALK

Talk about the job, what training is needed and who will supervise.



### ASK

Ask questions and for help when uncertain.



### LEARN

Learn how to recognize and avoid workplace hazards.



### LIVE

Go home to family and friends at the end of the day, alive and injury-free.

To learn more about **Stand T.A.L.L.**, visit [thinkgrainbinsafety.com](https://thinkgrainbinsafety.com).

## You can get involved

Look for ways during **Grain Bin Safety Week**, a Nationwide® event that's held the third full week in February, to help raise awareness of the hazards of working around grain bins.



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