

## OUR VISION

To establish a significant behavioral change towards the active management of farm safety and wellbeing measures among farmers, farm workers and all who live and work on farms, driven by trusted farm mentors.





## MANAGING RISK TOGETHER

This project adopts a 'peer-to-peer' mentoring and champion approach to engage farmers in an attitudinal and behavioral change towards farm safety by tackling and improving the social norms around farm safety and emotional wellbeing.

This is a piloted project, targeting the counties with significant fatal incident rates, Cork, Tipperary, and Wexford.



## WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE

-  A reduction in the number of work related injuries on participant farms.
-  Permanent farmer based safety network.
-  New social norms.
  
-  Attitudinal change metrics.
-  Level of safety in work plans.
-  Number of farmers using peer to peer / buddy system.
-  Number of farmers attending training sessions / farm walks etc.
-  Cultural change in terms of farm work practice.

# FARMERS 4 SAFETY

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## BACKGROUND

Based on HSA data, the majority of recent fatalities occurred in counties Cork, Tipperary and Wexford where some of the largest and most intensive farms in the country are based. Farm injuries/fatalities are highest in May, June, July and August (particularly on dairy farms), during the busiest period of the year for farmers. To tackle this issue of farm safety, a change to the existing range of interventions is required.

On farms, it should mean that safety should have the same priority as any other activity covered by the farm payments scheme. Equally, there is a need to change behavior, and attitudes towards farm safety and emotional wellbeing.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Irish Rural Link (IRL), in partnership with the BRIDE (Biodiversity Regeneration in a Dairying Environment) project, the Duncannon Blue Flag Farming & Communities Scheme, the New Futures Farming Group, and the Health and Safety Authority are carrying out this project in their catchment areas.



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## USEFUL RESOURCES

Code of Practice Risk Assessment:  
[www.farmsafely.com](http://www.farmsafely.com)

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/73aea-schemes-and-services-agriculture-food-and-the-marine/>

Emergency Services:  
999 or 112

Farm Jobs and Farm Work in Ireland:  
FRS Farm Relief Services:  
<https://frsfarmreliefservices.ie/careers/>

Getting Citizens Online:  
<https://www.irishrurallink.ie/getting-citizens-online/>

GROW:  
[www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)  
Tel: 1890 474 474

Health and Safety Authority:  
[www.hsa.ie/eng/Workplace\\_Health/Workplace\\_Stress/Overview/.hsa.ie](http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Workplace_Health/Workplace_Stress/Overview/.hsa.ie)

IFA- Farm Family Resources:  
[www.ifa.ie/cross-sectors/farm-family/mental-health/](http://www.ifa.ie/cross-sectors/farm-family/mental-health/)

Mental Health Ireland:  
[www.mentalhealthireland.ie](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)  
01 284 1166

Stress Control:  
[info@stresscontrol.org](mailto:info@stresscontrol.org)  
<https://stresscontrol.org/home>

Teagasc educational courses:  
[www.teagasc.ie/education/courses/](http://www.teagasc.ie/education/courses/)