

*Farm accidents . . .  
claim as many as  
1,300 lives and  
cause 120,000  
injuries a year.*

– U.S. Department of Labor



## **Buchanan County Health Center's 'From the Farm to the Hospital' All-Day Trauma Exercise**

**A County-Wide Accident Response Exercise set Saturday, Aug. 7th**

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 7th

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Site #1: Location of Accident**  
**Richard & Erma Booth Farm**  
2252 Henley Ave.  
Independence, IA 50644

**Site #2: Location of Exercise's End**  
**Buchanan County Health Center**  
1600 1st St. East  
Independence, IA 50644

BCHC will provide lunch for all participants. Please call by July 23 to let us know the number planning to attend.

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All Buchanan County EMS and Fire Departments are welcome to participate. The exercise, staged at an Independence farm, will be an accident involving a combine and will include a discussion of other hidden hazards on the farm. Our patient will move through all levels of our local emergency response starting with rescue and stabilization in the field, transport to the local Emergency Department for additional treatment and, finally, arrival of Air Care to transport to a larger trauma facility. Benefits of the exercise include the opportunity to utilize equipment needed for a unique farm rescue, better coordination and communication between departments at a multi-department response scene and greater understanding of the needs of a farm accident victim. Dan Neenan of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety in Peosta will evaluate this event.