

Essential Tractor Safety Checks

Initial Checks

- Valid road tax and insurance
- Valid CVRT, if applicable
- Roadworthy condition
- Sitting level on ground
- Tyre condition/inflation
- No fluid leaks
- Number plates visible and clean

Driver

- Trained and competent
- Fit to drive
- Follows safety rules
- Valid licence
- Valid insurance
- Appropriate PPE
- Not fatigued

Windscreen and Side Windows

- All in place
- Undamaged and clean
- View not obscured e.g. by stickers etc.
- Windscreen wipers present and in good condition

Mirrors

- All mirrors in place
- Clean and in good condition
- Correctly aligned

Full lighting system

- All in place
- Clean and undamaged
- Correct colour
- Flashing amber beacon turned on
- Lights and indicators working
- Work (plough lamp) switched off when travelling on road

In Cab Checks

- Controls clearly marked
- Controls working
- Seat in good condition
- Seat adjusted for driver
- Safety belt used [if fitted]
- Dashboard – all warning lights working
- Wipers and Washers working
- Hand brake working
- Steering and brakes working correctly
- Split brakes linked and working
- Horn, demister and temperature controls [where fitted] working correctly
- Cab clean
- Cab floor clear of any obstructions
- High-Visibility jacket/vest(s) accessible in cab

External Checks

- Cab/Roll bar in good condition
- Check all fluid levels (oil, coolant, windscreen wash, brake fluid)
- Sufficient fuel and fuel cap secure
- Check radiator
- Check Hydraulic hoses
- Steps undamaged and clean
- Doors in place and handle working
- PTO drive guarded (U-guard)
- Hitching equipment in good condition
- Speed disc (if required)

Passengers

- Carry passenger(s) in passenger seat only
- Safety belt used [if fitted]
- High-Visibility vest(s) for passenger in cab
- No children under 7 years allowed

Tyres and Wheels

- Tyres correctly inflated
- Tyres have correct tread depth
- Tyres undamaged: No abrasions, bulges or tears
- Wheel nuts all in place, correctly fitted and secure

Safe Parking

- Reverse park safely
- Park in a safe area
- Apply parking brake
- Place in correct parking gear
- Lower attachments to ground
- Switch off engine
- Remove key
- Dismount facing tractor



Ensure tractor is maintained and is in a roadworthy condition at all times



Tractors & Farm Machinery are involved in almost **50% of Farm Deaths.**

- **Keep tractors in good serviceable and roadworthy condition.**
- **Keep steering and all brakes working correctly.**
- **Handbrake/Parking Brake applied correctly before leaving the cab.**