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SLIPS AND FALLS ON FARMS ARE STILL A PROBLEM

Many farmers suffer sprains, strains, and occasionally breaks when they fall. Simply falling is the most common cause of injury today, in almost all occupations. Many falls happen when a worker is rushing to get a job done. Haste can make waste.

Some safety tips that can reduce the chances of a fall include:

- Plan your time ahead to get jobs done.
- Wear footwear with slip-resistant treads and keep them clean.
- Keep all ladders and steps clean and free of mud, and ice.
- Use handrails every time and repair them when they fail. Replace them when missing.
- Pay attention to what you are doing, keep your mind on the job.
- Place warning signs in places where slippery conditions are common.
- Keep slippery areas clean, plan for that job.
- Restrict access from slippery ladders and steps by unauthorized persons.
- Don't block your vision with bulky loads while on ladders or steps.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- National AgrAbility Training Workshop – Harrisburg, Pennsylvania – October 9-12
- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents National Conference – Bismarck Civic Center – October 22-23

WHAT'S NEW!

Trina Gress, Co-Director of AgrAbility In Dakota, will be out of the office until mid November due to the birth of her son. Trina and her husband Benjamin were blessed with a 10-lb baby boy on Sept. 1, 2001 at 11:00 pm. Trina, Ben, and baby are all doing fine.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN:

- Emmons County Health Fair – Linton – June 1
- Hettinger Fair Building Dedication – Hettinger – June 1
- Emmons County Safety Day – Linton – June 7
- Easter Seals State Meeting – Dickinson – June 18-20
- Advisory Committee Meeting – Jamestown – June 28
- ND State Fair – Minot – July 20-29

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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Limited Mobility Hunting Blinds are built with those in mind who can not climb into a conventional hunting blind. Richter Innovations introduces a new breed of hunting blind that enables the physically challenged to hunt from ground level up to 14 feet (eye level from a seated position) with no climbing. The blind is constructed of welded 1½" steel tubing and plywood and offers warmth, safety, and spaciousness for even the mobility of a wheelchair.

The Limited Mobility Blind is a 5x5 (25 sq. ft.) self propelled elevator-type hunting blind that lowers down to the hunter. A large door allows for easy access to roll or walk into the blind. Wheelchair hunters may transfer into a seat within the blind (optional) or take the wheelchair itself into the blind and hunt from it. At this point, the hunter simply lifts a switch which automatically raises the blind to whatever height she or he wishes to hunt from. Once the Limited Mobility Blind has been set up, it is securely anchored down by four galvanized steel cables.

Additional options include: lighted inside, propane space heater, thermal insulation, and custom designs and construction for special needs. Cost of the Limited Mobility Blind is approximately \$2795, plus delivery charge. For more information on Limited Mobility Blinds contact Richter Innovations, 2508 Garner Field Rd, Uvalde, TX, 78801, (830) 278-8951. Check out the website at <http://www.geocities.com/rawlyninnovations> or email Richter Innovations at richter@hilconet.com.



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Giveaway

- Swather lift and tractor lift used in a Versatile 4WD, call Steve Hanson 524-1810.

Wanted

- Large, right-handed Kombi mitt. Any color.

For Sale

- 1977 Ford pickup with mounted Freedom Lift and hand control, call Steve Hanson 524-1810.



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