



PRESS RELEASE

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NATIONAL FARM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY - 21st JULY 2014

Irish Water Safety supports the IFA National Farm Safety Awareness Day. In particular we wish to highlight the main drowning threats on the farm which are unguarded watercourses such as rivers, ponds and lakes, rainwater collection tanks and slurry pits. Whilst it is vital for all the family to know where these risk areas are it is important that measures are taken to protect children from them. Young children are lost every year on farms to drowning so please take all reasonable steps to secure rainwater collection tanks and slurry pits. Fence off watercourses where children are at risk or grow strong hedges around them to prevent children gaining access to them. For more detailed information click on <http://www.iws.ie/advice/inland-water-sites.1183.html> to safeguard your family and friends when they visit your farm.

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