

Calving Assistance

AgSafe

Safe Work Procedure

Safe Work Procedure Number:








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DO NOT perform this procedure until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.

Required Training: Animal Handling, Tool box talk on Calving Cows, Toolbox Talk on use of calving equipment and PPE.

Required Personal Protective Equipment and Devices

	Eye protection required
	Long or loose hair must be tied back or contained
	CSA Approved Safety Footwear Required
	Long arm veterinary gloves
	Calving gown
	No jewelry, watches, rings, necklaces etc...
	Gloves must not be worn when operating this equipment

Potential Hazards: Struck by animal, struck by animal guide gates, tripping and slipping hazards, zoonotic illness, Equipment Malfunction during calving, finger pinch hazards.

Pre-Operational Safety Checks: Check that calving equipment and handling facilities are in good working order. Try to avoid doing this task alone and if lone work is required ensure you follow a lone worker safety procedure.

Procedure

Before you start

1. Inspect required personal protective equipment and replace if required.
2. Put on all required personal protective equipment.
3. Call for assistance or ensure you follow alone worker check in procedure.
4. Check for available escape routes in the event of an attack.
5. Prepare equipment disinfectant, approved calving ropes, lubrication, calf resuscitator, appropriate handling facilities, calving jack, personal protective equipment arm length glove, eye protection, waterproof calving gown and appropriate assistance.

While you're working

1. Enter calving pen calmly and move cow to restrain within appropriate head gate
2. Apply calving rope to calf's legs and calving jack appropriately and apply appropriate traction once calf is properly aligned.

After you finish

1. Once calf is delivered remove calving ropes leave calving area and disinfect and wash equipment appropriately.

If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, shut the equipment off immediately and follow the lock out procedure.

Report any hazardous situation to your supervisor or employer immediately!

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Please use the following **Safe Work Procedures** as a guideline to building your own safe work procedures.