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Go to www.tellingthestoryproject.org

This website is all about farmers telling their stories. Most stories are tragic in some way and there is always a message at the end. This assignment is meant to have you think about a farm near you. Maybe you live or work on a farm. Maybe you have a friend or a relative that does. Many of these stories show how dangerous agriculture can be for people of all ages.

Go to stories and click on David's Page.

Check out the pictures first; don't read yet:

1. What do you think the danger is?

Now go back and read the story.

2. What happened to David that day?
3. What behavior caused David's accident?
4. What was different about David's ATV that day that could have affected how he operated the
5. What are the dangers of working alone in remote places? What device did David have on him that may have saved his life?

6. What could David have done differently to avoid his accident?

7. David said, "At about 11:15, I started watching my watch and I started thinking: About how much I could spray. How much I could get done. How much I needed to do yet. How many minutes it'd take me to get to town...*The key is, I didn't have my mind on what I was doing.*" Think about a time you were working and not paying attention to your surroundings. Have you or someone you know experienced the negative consequences of being distracted when doing something potentially hazardous? Tell us about the experience.

Watch the video clip of David

8. What is the "key" to David's story?

9. What does David always do now before he goes out to work?

Be ready to discuss in class: "Is it ever OK to be distracted while out on the farm in hazardous conditions, or will you be putting yourself at risk by not paying attention?"

10. On the bottom half of this page you have two options:
 - a. Write a farm story about an accident that you know about that could have been prevented if the person involved was not distracted
 - b. Do you notice when you are distracted while out on the farm? Discuss some of the top distractions you regularly experience, and how they could put you at risk.