

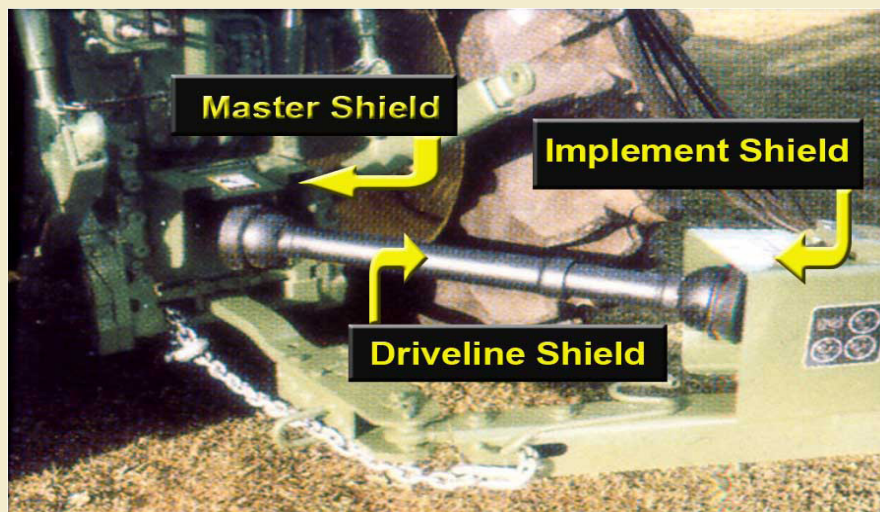
# Montana Ag Safety Program



## PTO Safety

Power take-off (PTO) shafts are vital to many of the tasks on a farm or ranch as they transfer power from a tractor or other power unit to the implement connected to it; however, they are extremely dangerous! Accidents involving PTOs often result in serious injury or death.

- Utilize all shields and guards. PTOs should be protected at all times by the master shield and the shaft guard (integral shield). Ensure shields and guards are secure. PTO shaft guard should rotate independently of the PTO.
- Any shield or guard removed for maintenance should be replaced ASAP.
- Replace damaged or missing shields or guards immediately.
- Take care to select sites with solid and stable footing when work with PTOs will be necessary.
- NEVER step over a shaft. ALWAYS walk around.
- Remove all jewelry. Tie back long hair. Secure loose clothing – zip coats/jackets/vests/overalls, button shirt sleeves, etc. Well-fitting clothing is encouraged at all times.
- Ensure the PTO requirements of the implement are matched with the PTO capabilities of the equipment.
- Adjust the length of the drawbar to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Disengage (and disconnect) the PTO when not in use.
- DO NOT approach PTO powered equipment or driveline until all rotating parts have come to a complete stop.



These safety rules have been written and provided to you for your safety. Your signature below indicates you have read and understand these rules, and further, that you accept the responsibility of always using good judgment to make workplace safety your number one priority.

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