

# STUDENT WORKSHEET:

## Safe Animal Handling

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Watch the **Safe Animal Handling** VR video.  
 Answer the following questions in the space provided.

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**2** Identify some factors that need to be considered when **working with animals safely**.

**3** Explain one way that you can prevent future safety concerns **post animal-handling**.



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- b) Explain the possible consequences of not taking these precautions.



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**1** List three different ways you can **prepare** for safe animal handling.

*Answers may include:*

- *observing and inspecting yards, crush, race and other equipment*
- *discussing safe handling techniques with fellow handlers*
- *wearing PPE (hard boots, gloves, safety glasses) when necessary*
- *ensuring a fully-stocked first aid kit is accessible*
- *ensuring all yard and gate areas are securely latched*

**2** Identify some factors that need to be considered when **working with animals safely**.

*Answers may include:*

- *using calm, low-stress handling methods, avoiding making loud noises or sudden movements*
- *understanding the flight zones and kick zones of the animal you are working with*
- *using appropriate restraint methods and equipment (such as a crush or headlock) to provide a secure space for animals to be treated without putting handlers at risk*
- *keeping the area clean and well-maintained to reduce the risk of falling and preventing the spread of diseases*

**3** Explain one way that you can prevent future safety concerns **post animal-handling**.

*Answers may include:*

- *maintaining accurate records (such as vaccination records and details of other treatments)*
- *selling dangerous stock if necessary*

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a) Solid footwear is being worn to protect the handler's feet.

b) If protective footwear is not worn, animals may cause serious injury by stepping on the handler's feet. Wearing protective footwear can also help prevent the spread of infectious diseases.



a) The cow is being securely restrained in a cattle crush, allowing handlers to examine or treat it in a safe manner.

b) If not securely restrained, the cow may kick or cause crushing injuries to the handlers.



a) The latch on the cattle yard gate has been checked and is secure.

b) If gates are not latched securely, animals are more likely to escape and cause potential harm to themselves or others. Unlatched gates can put handlers at risk of being pinned or crushed.



a) Protective gloves are being worn when handling animals.

b) Wearing gloves can help ensure safe sanitary practices and prevent the spread of infectious diseases between animals and humans.