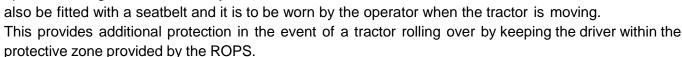
Roll-over protection on tractors

Queensland health and safety legislation requires all tractors at workplaces (including schools) to be fitted with a Roll-over protective structure (ROPS).

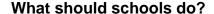
Even early model tractors built as far back as 1945 can be supplied and fitted with an approved ROPS.

In the agricultural industry, tractors are an integral item of plant and are usually quite safe. However, if not used correctly and maintained they can become dangerous.

ROPS are designed and constructed to protect the tractor operator during a roll-over in any direction. The tractor is



Where a tractor is used in the agricultural curriculum the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) Guideline for <u>Tractor Driving</u> clearly addresses the necessity of ROPS and seat belts. Under the section 'Facilities and equipment' it states - "The tractor must be fitted with suitable roll-over protective structure (ROPS) and a seatbelt".



- Check existing tractors to ensure they are fitted with a suitable ROPS and seat belt. Ensure that when purchasing tractors they are factory fitted with ROPS and seat belt at the time of purchase.
- Follow the CARA guideline for <u>Tractor Driving</u>.
- Review <u>Safe Operating Procedures</u> (SOPs) for tractors and ensure the manufacturer's operating
 instructions are incorporated. This is particularly important if required to drive on sloping or rough
 ground.
- ROPS must comply with the design and testing requirements specified in <u>AS 1636.1</u> 1996
 Tractors Roll-over protective structures- Criteria and tests or an equivalent Standard. More information on ROPS requirements and standards can be found in the '<u>Safe design and operation of tractors Code of Practice 2005</u>'.

More information

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland website links:

- Tractor safety precautions
- Tractor training
- Safe design and operation of tractors Code of Practice 2005

Contact

Fleet Management – for information on registering and insuring your school tractor.

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