

# Safe slurry handling

## Safe slurry agitation guidelines

- ✓ Agitate on windy days
- ✓ Remove all livestock & control pets
- ✓ Open all doors, control access & use signage
- ✓ Use external agitation points
- ✓ Agitate/ventilate & stay away for 30 mins
- ✓ Work upwind at all time
- ✓ Never enter tanks, even when empty
- ✓ Keep tank openings secure at all times
- ✓ If possible, avoid agitating alone



## Gas poisoning

- **Hydrogen sulphide**, ammonia, methane and carbon dioxide.
- Odourless at high levels
- Can knock out sense of smell
- One breath can kill



**ONE  
LUNGFUL OF  
SLURRY GAS  
CAN KILL**

## Drowning

- Open tanks – unprotected or poorly fenced
- Uncovered agitation points
- Rushing & untidy area



**CAUTION  
SLURRY PIT  
DANGER OF  
DROWNING**



## Take home messages

- **10%** of farm deaths were slurry-related from 2010 – 2020
- **Evacuate** and **ventilate** before you **agitate**