



## **Harvest Safety Tips from Great Bend Co-op**

*Always know your exact location in case of Emergency, be aware of the nearest intersection.*

*Have a set plan of action to take in case of Emergency – who to call, where to meet, etc.*

### **Hold a quick daily safety meeting with your crew to cover the following topics:**

#### General Safety –

- Always shut down and remove keys before performing any maintenance or repairs to machinery
- Always replace any guards and shields after repairs are made
- Be aware of everyone else, especially those on the ground before moving machinery
- Never leave children unattended in the field or in a machine
- Use radios to quickly communicate between machines and with those in the trucks
- Never operate machinery when tired. If you begin to get drowsy, take a minute to stop, walk around, and get your blood pumping. If this doesn't work, trade out with a fresh crew member.

#### Moving –

- Be aware of your surrounding when driving between fields
- Watch for low hanging powerlines
- Stay off your phone and keep eyes on the road and mirrors
- Use Caution Lights any time you are on a road

#### Fire Safety -

- Fire extinguisher in or on each piece of machinery
- Check the date and gauge before harvest and monthly throughout the year
- Regularly shake and rotate extinguishers to keep them in proper working condition
- Grease bearings and monitor for hot spots on the machinery

#### Grain Bins –

- Never enter a grain bin when loading or unloading grain
- Use extreme caution when near a PTO or auger
- Never allow children to play around moving parts and machinery