

## Not Otherwise Classified Farm Ponds



### Most Protection

1. 8 ft. locked, chain link-fenced farm pond; a no trespassing or no swimming sign posted; life ring and rope available; pond within sight of home or work area.
2. Fenced farm pond; a no trespassing or no swimming sign posted; life ring and rope available; pond within sight of home or work area.
3. Non-fenced farm pond; a no trespassing or no swimming sign posted; no life ring and rope available; pond within sight of home or work area.
4. Non-fenced farm pond; absence of a no trespassing or no swimming sign posted; no life ring and rope available; pond within sight of work area, but not home.
5. Non-fenced farm pond; absence of a no trespassing or no swimming sign posted; no life ring and rope available; pond not in sight of work area and home.

### Least Protection

(over)

### Reminders

A yellow-painted, rescue post placed at the edge of the pond should include:

- 911 emergency number
- Rescue pole
- Life ring or buoy
- Nylon rope

### Personal Protective Equipment

## Laws, Regulations, Standards, and Guidelines:

Laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines are constantly being updated and revised. Be sure to check the latest version of any document listed below. Be aware that new laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines on this topic may be generated at any time.

Farm Pond Safety Fact Sheet E27, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University, ([www.abe.psu.edu](http://www.abe.psu.edu)).

### Other:

A pond rescue pole (Figure 1) equipped with emergency phone numbers, a rescue pole, a life buoy or ring and rope increases the opportunity to assist a swimmer or others who may be struggling in the water.

Posting of no trespassing signs (Figure 2) reduces the risk of exposure to the hazards of ponds.

Farm ponds may be contaminated by fertilizer and pesticide runoff, livestock waste, or other pollutants.

Ponds away from roads or out of sight of the public reduce their risk as an attractive nuisance.

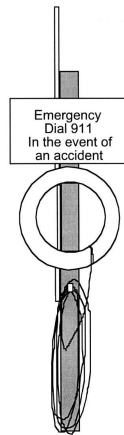


Figure 1.



Figure 2.