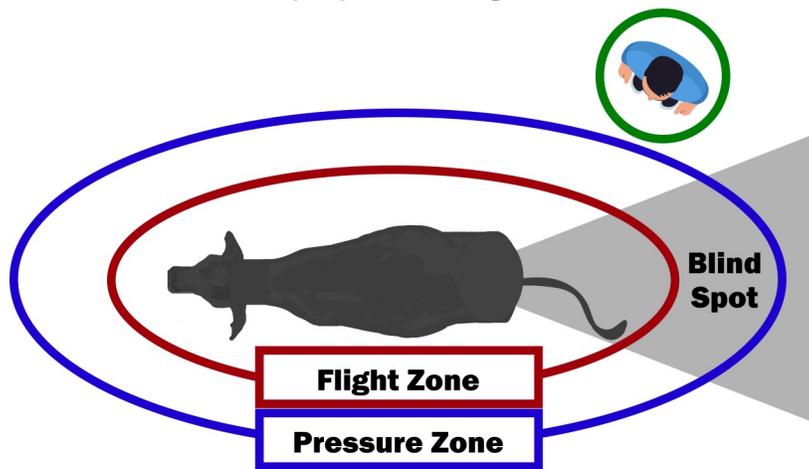


Working Safely with Cows



Wisconsin workers are hurt by cows ten times as often as workers in other countries. These injuries are preventable. Good training in low-stress handling techniques can keep workers safe and cows calm.

Move a cow safely by knowing these zones:



When moving a cow:

Do:

- Start cow movement by slowly approaching the cow's pressure zone.
- Give a cow time and space to react to you.
- Walk at a speed that keeps you out of the cow's flight zone.
- Approach slowly, considering your angle to influence the direction she moves.
- Establish routines. Cows will learn to go where you'd like with less prompting.

Don't:

- Enter the flight zone or blind spot.
- Startle the cow with sudden movement or noise.
- Use violence or lose your patience.

Did you know?



Cows are the #2 cause of agricultural injury in Wisconsin. These injuries are not restricted to the farm; they can happen anywhere cows and people interact.

The cow is always right.

Cow movements are predictable. If a cow is not moving where you want her to go, reconsider your approach.

Watch out:

Individual animals may have smaller or larger pressure zones. Pay attention to each cow's responses and work accordingly.

Download the Mooving Cows game:



Learn more about handling cows:



Check out UW-Extension's information on cow handling: dairy.extension.wisc.edu/article-topic/animal-handling

