



**Show the employee a group of boars and how to move a boar from one stall to another.**

- Never assume a boar is safe.
- As boars age, they can become unpredictable and dangerous.



**Take a boar to a pen of gilts and explain to the employee why it is safest for two people to work together around boars.**

- Two people can share tasks and look out for each other to make handling the boar safer and easier for everyone.
- If someone needs help or is injured, there is someone present to respond and assist.



**Show the employee the most dangerous part of the boar.**

- Boar tusks are sharp and can cause serious injury if the boar jerks his head suddenly and catches a handler off-guard.
- Always pay attention and avoid working around a boar's head.



**Demonstrate the importance of the sort board to handler safety. Move a boar from one pen of gilts to another pen using the sort board.**

- Properly position the sort board between yourself and the boar.
- Keep knees slightly bent to absorb any impact and provide balance.



**Show the employee how to remove a mounted boar from a sow during an in-pen heat check.**

- Place sort board correctly under boar's chin and lift upwards to push boar off of the sow.
- Keep boars from remounting the sow by using a sort board as a barrier between the boar and the sow.



**Show the employee a boar ready to be culled so they can see how large boars can get.**

- A boar culling program is essential for employee safety.
- Older boars can be large and more unpredictable.



**Show the employee devices and tools that allow for safer heat-checking and movement of boars.**

- How to hook a boar up to a boar bot or load a boar onto a boar limo.
- How to harness a boar.
- How to safely lead a boar.



**Visit a pen of young boars and discuss the importance of positive human-boar interaction from a young age to make handling of boars easier as they grow.**

- Entering the pen and allowing boars to approach; walking young boars up and down a hallway; scratching behind boar's ears; walking boars pen calmly will get them used to responding to handlers safely.



**Discuss your farm's routine to reward positive behavior in boars.**

- Routine rewards for boars will improve boar movement between sows.



**Discuss what to do if two boars begin to fight.**

- At times, the safest thing to do is not intervene.
- Less dominant boar will typically give up and by staying out of the way the employee remains unharmed.