Properly Restraining Cattle

Properly restraining cattle can prevent injuries to both you and the animal. Be sure to use animal handling equipment in good working order. If equipment is broken or damaged, report it to the person in charge as soon as possible.

• When treating a cow in a headlock, use a sturdy rope to restrain her head. Secure the rope to a solid structure that will not move if the cow jerks her head.

• If giving injections, secure cow's head at a high angle so you have room to work on the animal.

• When treating a cow in the open, secure head to back leg with a strong rope.

• Always use a quick-release knot. Never tie an animal with a knot you can not untie quickly, she could choke and / or die. You should be able release the knot with one quick movement.

Be sure to keep your work area clean and free of debris. Remove all pails, medicating equipment, and any other objects from work area when not in use