# A screen shot of a computer  Description automatically generatedproper use of prods



The use of electric prods should be a last resort to use when trying to move a stubborn animal. When using the prod, keep the following safety tips in mind:

* Store electric prods in a safe and secure place
* Never prod an animal when it has nowhere to run
* If you are in close quarters and must use an electric prod, make sure you have an escape route to avoid injury
* When working with livestock it is recommended that you move slowly and use gentle touches to get the animals to move; using these techniques will be more effective than shoving or using an electric prod
* You should not constantly carry the electric prod
* If an animal refuses to move, first try to under­stand why they won’t move; keep in mind it’s possible the animal cannot move and is not refus­ing to move
* Utilize other tools to attempt to move the cattle such as:
	+ Driving aids, for example flags
	+ Plastic paddles
	+ A stick with plastic ribbons attached to it

*A few additional safety tips to remember when moving cattle:*

* If it is hot outside, never hurry the animal to move
* If they are being moved to new pasture, they will typically climb steep inclines or hills willingly without the handler having to resort to yelling or chasing
* Remain patient, consistent and understanding to move the cattle with less stress and with mini­mal effort to reduce the risk of injury