

Yard Work Safety Tips

Home Maintenance Series



NEVER let children play on or around lawnmowers, especially riding mowers. More than 800 children are injured annually by riding lawnmowers.

STOP the lawn mower whenever anyone enters the area in which you are working.



NEVER operate any lawn machinery while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



PROTECT your eyes and ears. Wear safety glasses and earplugs when using lawn equipment. Clear sticks, rocks, and other debris from your lawn before mowing.

INSTRUCT your children to stay away from dangerous lawn tools. Only responsible adults should be operating this equipment.

READ any safety manuals before using new tools.



DRESS right for the job. Wear sturdy shoes, close fitting clothing, and nothing that can get caught on moving parts.

DON'T run any extension cords through puddles. Check your extension cords for cracks and seal them with electrical tape. If any extension cord has frayed wires, replace the cord.



UNPLUG any electrical and fuel lines before attempting to repair any piece of yard equipment. Wait until your equipment cools before working with any piece of the motor.

CHECK with your local utilities before you dig. Buried electrical, gas, and sewer lines can be very hazardous if accidentally hit when digging.



ALWAYS be sure that any ladder is on sturdy ground. Never stand on the top step or rung of a ladder.