

Working Outdoors

Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- · Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie back long hair
- · Wear weather appropriate clothing
 - o Hot weather: lightweight, light colored
 - Cold weather: layers of warm clothes and outerwear, hat, gloves and boots
 - o Sun-safe hat (minimum 4" brim)
- · Know the signs of heat and cold related illnesses
- · Stay aware of changing weather conditions
- · Know what to do in the event of an emergency
- Maintain two-way communication link



- Provide 10 minute break every hour (more frequently for younger children)
- Provide appropriate training
- Check heat/cold index to verify safe temperatures for working outdoors
- Ensure re-entry standards for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers are followed
- Verify youth is free from insect allergies or has remedies for allergies
- · Ensure bathroom/handwashing facilities are available
- Have drinking water available



Supervision

- Supervise constantly until youth demonstrates mastery of task
- Check on youth; frequency* depends on:
 - o Age of youth
 - o Type of job
 - o Worksite hazards
- · Immediately correct unsafe behaviors
- Ask for questions

*See work guideline for specific job for guidance and more information

Hazards



Protective Strategies



