

# Southwest Ohio Family Farm Safety

## Lawn Mower & Small Engine Safety Topics

1. Wear ear and eye protection and safe shoes when mowing.
2. Let an engine cool before refueling.
3. Wear heavy gloves and use wood blocks to avoid rotation when changing blades.
4. Use a box end wrench or socket set versus adjustable wrenches or pliers to remove blade bolt or nut.
5. Do not remove guards.
6. Remove sparkplug wire when changing blades.
7. NEVER ride children in arms or on deck or hood.
8. Keep yard free of baling twine, limbs, rocks and wire.
9. Don't mow when lawn is wet.
10. Remove low hanging branches.
11. Remove rings and watches when working on mower.
12. Avoid ditches, holes and muddy areas.
13. Don't pull out a stuck mower with a chain or strap without covering it with a heavy coat or tarp.
14. Don't let young children mow.
15. Avoid carrying full fuel cans in vehicle interior.
16. Don't fill gas cans in vehicle.
17. Safely support mower if changing blade(s) or tire.
18. Use a gage when inflating tires to avoid over inflation and an explosion.
19. Replace damaged bolts and nuts and missing lock washers.
20. Avoid mowing on steep slopes.
21. Don't blow grass on roads and streets.
22. Keep all safety devices in working order.
23. Don't mow with people or pets present.

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