Cleaning Service Alleys

Can youth do this job safely?

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

- Bend safely, using proper bending technique
- Lift object using proper lifting technique
- Carry load the required distance without straining
- Lift and push up to 25% of his/her body weight
- Steer a filled cart or lime spreader
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link
- Change outer clothing and wash hands after finishing job



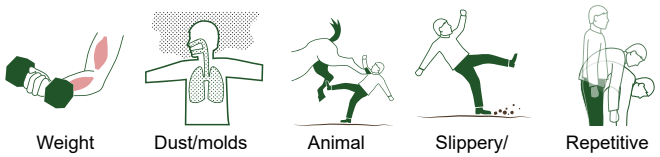
Adult Responsibilities

- Verify ventilation system is working properly before youth enters a closed building
- Verify cattle are properly secured in stalls before youth enters building
- Ensure objects lifted weigh less than 25% of youth's body weight
- If needed, fit youth for a respirator and demonstrate proper use
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide appropriate training
- Check that all tools are proper size for youth
- Demonstrate how to safely clean a service alley

Supervision

10-11 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent *(Limit job to 20 minutes)*
12-13 yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic
14+ yrs	Periodic

Hazards



Weight | Dust/molds | Animal contact | Slippery/ uneven surface | Repetitive motion

Protective Strategies



Gloves | Steel-toed non-skid shoes | Eye protection | Respirator (if needed) | Handwashing



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