Harvesting Tree Fruit

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 up long hair
- Bend, climb, and lift objects safely, using proper technique
- Carry load the required distance without straining
- Understand how to lift and maneuver awkward objects, like ladders
- Balance on a two-step ladder while turning and stretching
- Physical stamina to perform job for 50 minutes
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- 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
- Wash hands after job is completed



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- Ensure re-entry standards for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers are followed
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide safe transport to and from the work area
- Ensure ladder/climbing structure is stable and safe
- Ensure objects lifted weigh less than 25% of youth's body weight
- Provide appropriate training
- Demonstrate how to safely harvest tree fruit

Supervision

16+ years	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Slippery/ uneven surfaces | Repetitive motion | Chemicals | Height | Weight

Protective Strategies



Non-skid shoes | Gloves | Handwashing | Eye protection | Sun protection



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