# Operating a Skid Steer

## 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
- Reach and operate controls while wearing a seatbelt
- Good peripheral vision
- Use hands and feet simultaneously
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link



## Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with working outdoors guideline
- Ensure skid steer is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Demonstrate how to safely operate a skid steer
- Provide appropriate training
- Educate youth to mount skid steer using 3 points of contact
- Ensure youth does not operate skid steer after dark or in bad weather
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

## Supervision

*Note: Youth should not engage in high risk activities, such as loading/unloading skid steer for transport or driving on roads.*

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| **16+ yrs** | Nearly constant supervision progressing to intermittent |

## Hazards



Lift arms pin operator | Extra riders | Rollover | Run-over | Collision with objects

## Protective Strategies




Seatbelt | Non-skid shoes | Gloves | Operator's manual | Hearing protection (if needed)

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