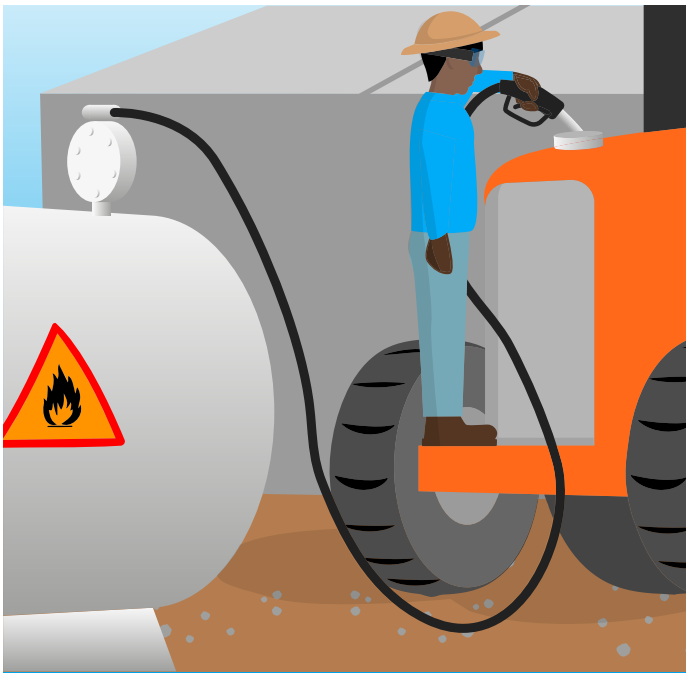
Refueling Equipment

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
- Read, understand, and follow the operator's manual
- Allow engine to cool and turn off cell phone before refueling
- No smoking or open flames in worksite
- Safely drive a tractor, self-propelled equipment, ATV, UTV or other equipment
- Mount and dismount equipment facing the machine and using 3 points of contact
- Physically large enough to reach fuel nozzle and controls
- Check for/avoid people and obstacles in the worksite
- 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 the working outdoors guideline
- Provide approved safety fuel containers of appropriate color for fuel type and label with contents
- Assign second person to assist if climbing on equipment
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound with all safety features in place
- Demonstrate how to safely refuel tanks
- Provide appropriate training, including proper lifting techniques
- Train youth to call adult in event of equipment malfunction

Supervision

Note: Ensure tractor is sized appropriately for youth. Youth must be 16+ years to drive an articulated tractor. See Tractor Operations Chart for guidance.

14-15 yrs	Nearly constant supervision progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Fire/Explosion | Weight | Chemicals | Run-over | Collision

Protective Strategies



Gloves | Non-skid shoes | Eye protection | Handwashing | Operator's manual



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