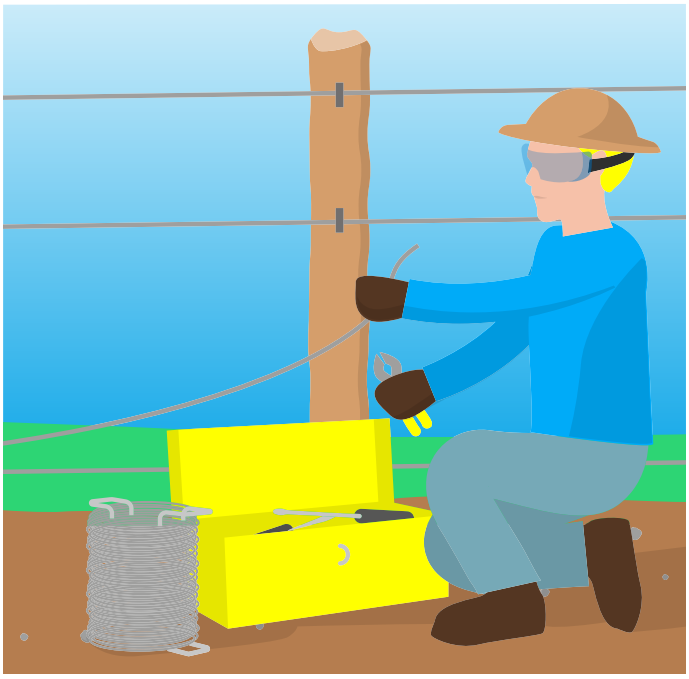
Repairing Fence

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
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- Good eye-hand coordination
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10 step process
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Lift safely, using proper lifting technique
- Limit weight to be lifted to less than 25% of body weight
- Carry the load the required distance without straining
- Physical stamina to perform the job for up to 50 minutes
- Maintain access to and reach escape route
- Safely use tools that are properly sized for youth
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- Provide safe transport to work area
- Verify electric fence is turned off and locked out/tagged out
- Ensure work area is as free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide appropriate training
- Confirm animals are free of disease and injuries
- Isolate aggressive livestock from the worksite
- Establish an escape route/plan
- Demonstrate how to safely repair fence

Supervision

12-13 yrs	Constant supervision
14-15 yrs	Nearly constant progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Weight | Animal contact | Sharp edges | Electricity | Repetitive Motion

Protective Strategies



Steel-toed non-skid shoes | Eye protection | Gloves | Sun protection | Communication tools

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