Using a Barn Cleaner

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
- Reach and operate all controls
- Understand not to operate equipment if locked out/tagged out
- Check for and clear area of people and obstacles
- Understand and consistently repeat a 5-step process
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- 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
- Shut down equipment and call adult if equipment malfunctions
- Shower and change clothes after done working



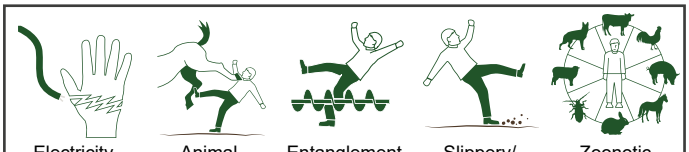
Adult Responsibilities

- Verify ventilation system is working properly before youth enters a closed building
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound with safety features in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide appropriate training, including lock out/tag out procedures
- Demonstrate how to safely use a barn cleaner
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Supervision

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

Hazards



Electricity | Animal contact | Entanglement | Slippery/ uneven surfaces | Zoonotic disease

Protective Strategies



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

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