Working Outdoors

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
- Wear weather appropriate clothing
    - Hot weather: lightweight, light colored
    - Cold weather: layers of warm clothes and outerwear, hat, gloves and boots
    - Sun-safe hat (minimum 4” brim)
- Know the signs of heat and cold related illnesses
- Drink enough fluids to stay hydrated
- Stay aware of changing weather conditions
- Know what to do in the event of an emergency
- Maintain two-way communication link



Adult Responsibilities

- Provide 10 minute break every hour (more frequently for younger children)
- Provide appropriate training
- Check heat/cold index to verify safe temperatures for working outdoors
- Ensure re-entry standards for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers are followed
- Verify youth is free from insect allergies or has remedies for allergies
- Ensure bathroom/handwashing facilities are available
- Have drinking water available

Supervision

- Supervise constantly until youth demonstrates mastery of task
- Check on youth; frequency* depends on:
    - Age of youth
    - Type of job
    - Worksite hazards
- Immediately correct unsafe behaviors
- Ask for questions

**See work guideline for specific job for guidance and more information*

Hazards



Protective Strategies



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