Working in a Greenhouse or Hoop House

Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- Bend, lift and climb safely, using proper techniques
- Limit weight carried to less than 25% of youth's body weight
- Carry materials the required distance without straining
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Good eye-hand coordination
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- Ensure work area is free of debris and other tripping hazards
- Trained on safe use of cutting tools (12+ years old)
- Due to similar working conditions, comply with working outdoors guideline
- Comply with Hand Weeding and Hand Harvesting guidelines
- If using, comply with Rototillers & Walk-behind Tractor guideline
- Maintain a two-way communication link
- Safely demonstrate job 4- 5 times
- Change clothes and wash hands when job is finished



Adult Responsibilities

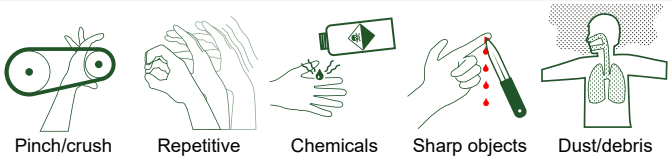
- Provide safe transport to the worksite
- Confirm re-entry standards are followed
- Provide appropriate training
- Verify proper ventilation of structure
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide youth with frequent stretch breaks and monitor fatigue
- Provide a 10 minute break every hour or more often if needed
- Check all cutting tools are properly sized for youth (12+ years)
- Ensure youth under 14 years old do not work from ladders
- Demonstrate how to work safely in a greenhouse/hoop house

Supervision

Note: Youth under 12 years old should not use cutting tools/ sharp objects, youth under 14 should not work from ladders

7-9 years	Constant supervision (limit job to 15 minutes)
10-11 years	Nearly constant supervision (limit job to 20 minutes)
12-13 years	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
14-15 years	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic
16+ years	Periodic supervision

Hazards



Pinch/crush | Repetitive motion | Chemicals | Sharp objects | Dust/debris

Protective Strategies



Non-skid shoes | Gloves | Handwashing | Eye protection | Drink fluids (hydrate)



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