

Operating a Skid Steer

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
- · Reach and operate controls while wearing a seatbelt
- · Good peripheral vision
- · Use hands and feet simultaneously
- · Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
- · 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 working outdoors guideline
- · Ensure skid steer is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- · Demonstrate how to safely operate a skid steer
- · Provide appropriate training
- Educate youth to mount skid steer using 3 points of contact
- · Ensure youth does not operate skid steer after dark or in bad weather
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- · Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- · Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Supervision

Note: Youth should not engage in high risk activities, such as loading/unloading skid steer for transport or driving on roads.

16+ yrs

Nearly constant supervision progressing to intermittent

Hazards



operator

Extra riders



Rollover



Run-over





Collision with objects

Protective Strategies











Seatbelt

Non-skid shoes

Gloves

Operator's manual

Hearing protection (if needed)

