



Using a Front End Loader

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
- Able to safely [operate a tractor](#)
- Good peripheral vision
- Use hands and feet **simultaneously**
- Reach and operate controls while wearing a seatbelt
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
- Understand the importance of checking for people/obstacles in the area
- **Mature** enough to consistently do what is expected
- **Think through** actions and consequences before acting
- React quickly to hazards
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain [two-way communication](#) link



Adult Responsibilities

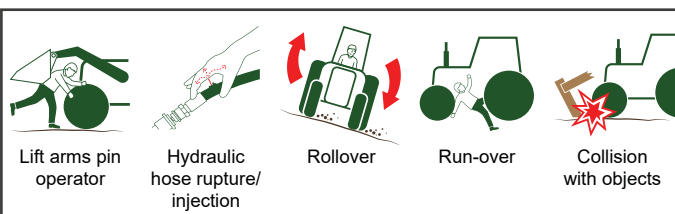
- Comply with [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Ensure front end loader is **mechanically sound** and safety features are in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure youth does not operate equipment after dark/in bad weather
- Demonstrate how to safely operate a front end loader
- Provide appropriate training
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Supervision

Note: Ensure tractor is sized appropriately for youth. Youth must be 16+ years to operate a front end loader on a tractor over 20hp. See [Tractor Operations Chart](#) for guidance.

14-15 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision

Hazards



Protective Strategies

