

# **Operating Self-propelled Equipment**

# 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
- · Good peripheral vision
- · Reach and operate controls while wearing a seatbelt
- · Use hands and feet simultaneously
- Repeatedly operate controls without using both feet
- · Maintain a slow/safe speed
- · Check for and avoid people and obstacles in the area
- No extra riders
- · Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- · Think through actions and consequences before acting
- · Attention span long enough to complete work
- · Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- · React quickly to hazards
- Stay as many feet from edge of drop off as it is deep
- · Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- · Maintain two-way communication link



# **Adult Responsibilities**

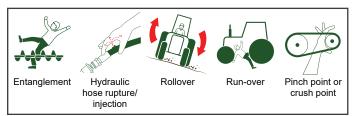
- · Comply with working outdoors guideline
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure youth does not operate equipment after dark/in bad weather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

### Supervision

16+ yrs

Constant supervision progressing to intermittent

#### **Hazards**



# **Protective Strategies**



