



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

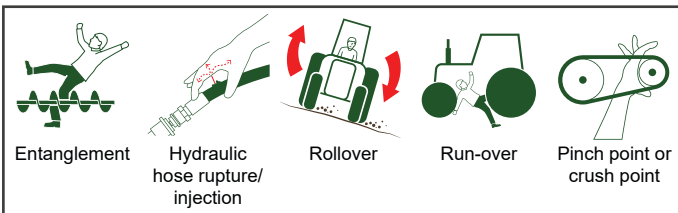
- Comply with [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure youth does not operate equipment after dark/in bad weather
- 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

