

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

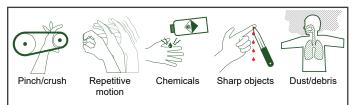
intermittent

14-15 years Intermittent supervision progressing to

periodic

16+ years Periodic supervision

Hazards



Protective Strategies

