

Trimming Christmas Trees

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
- Wear long pants and long sleeve shirt made of breathable materials
- Tall enough to stand on the ground and reach the top of the tree without overstretching
- · Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- · Think through actions and consequences before acting
- Physical stamina to perform job for 50 minutes.
- Safely demonstrate job 4-5 times
- · Maintain two-way communication link
- · Wash hands after job is finished



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- · Provide safe transport to the work area
- · Confirm re-entry standards are followed
- 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 tools are properly sized to youth
- · Provide appropriate training on the safe use of cutting tools
- · Demonstrate how to safely trim Christmas trees
- Train youth to call adult in case of equipment malfunction

Supervision

Note: Youth must be at least 14 years old to use shearing knives

12-13 yrs Constant supervision progressing to

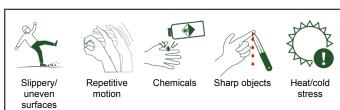
intermittent

14-15 yrs Intermittent supervision progressing to

periodic

16+ yrs Periodic supervision

Hazards



Protective Strategies

