



Operating a Pressure Washer

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
- Lift object, using [proper lifting technique](#)
- Strength to maneuver equipment without straining or colliding with other objects
- If no wheels, youth is able to carry equipment the required distance without straining
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- **Think through** actions and consequences before acting
- Good **hand-eye coordination**
- Understand and consistently repeat a 5 step process
- Ensure plug and receptacle are dry before plugging in equipment
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain [two-way communication link](#)



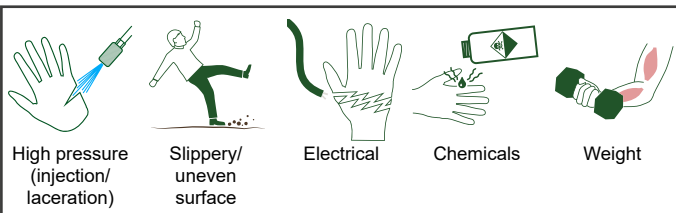
Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the [working outdoors guideline](#) (if applicable)
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound with **safety features** in place
- Ensure objects lifted weigh less than 25% of youth's body weight
- Ensure nozzle controls are appropriately sized for youth's hands
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide appropriate training
- Demonstrate tasks, including use of equipment and **chemicals**

Supervision

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| 12-13 yrs | Constant supervision progressing to intermittent |
| 14-15 yrs | Intermittent supervision |
| 16+ yrs | Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic |

Hazards



Protective Strategies

