

# **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

**12-13 yrs** Constant supervision progressing to

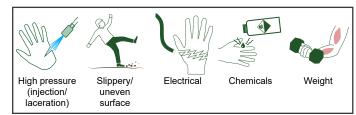
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14-15 yrs Intermittent supervision

16+ yrs Intermittent supervision progressing to

periodic

#### **Hazards**



### **Protective Strategies**

