



Pruning Dwarf Fruit and Nut 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
- Climb safely, using [proper climbing technique](#)
- **Mature** enough to consistently do what is expected
- **Think through** actions and consequences before acting
- Attention span **long enough** to complete work
- Physical stamina to perform job for 50 minutes
- Safely demonstrate job 4-5 times
- Maintain [two-way communication](#) link
- Wash hands when job is finished



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Provide safe transport to the work area
- Ensure re-entry standards are followed
- Confirm youth is free of insect allergies or has remedy available
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure cutting tools are properly sized for youth
- Provide appropriate training on the safe use of cutting tools
- Demonstrate how to safely prune fruit and nut trees

Supervision

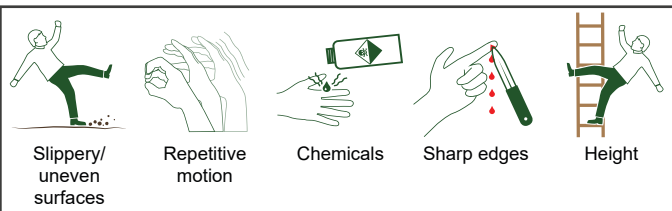
If climbing a ladder:

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

Working from the ground:

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

Hazards



Protective Strategies

