



# 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

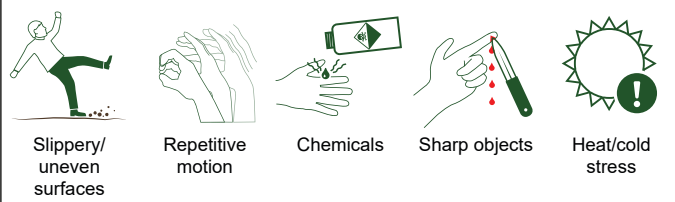
- Comply with the [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Provide safe transport to the work area
- Confirm re-entry standards are followed
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing 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*

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| <b>12-13 yrs</b> | Constant supervision progressing to intermittent |
| <b>14-15 yrs</b> | Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic |
| <b>16+ yrs</b>   | Periodic supervision                             |

## Hazards



## Protective Strategies

