
LAWN EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Learning Objectives

After completing this station, participants should be able to:

1. Identify hazards associated with lawn mowers and mowing techniques.
2. State safety features of newer lawn mowers and their importance.
3. List proper clothing and protective equipment to use while mowing.
4. Recognize the importance of proper training for the safe use of lawn mowers.
5. Identify additional safety training programs for lawn mower operation.
6. Identify hazards associated with electrical and motor operated lawn trimmers.

Safety Requirements

1. During set-up and clean-up, only instructors or volunteers who are 18 or older should drive or roll lawn mowers into position. This should be done when participants are not present.
2. For riding lawn mowers, remove key, leave mower in park and chock wheels. Instructor should keep key with them at all times.
3. Maintain a safety zone of 20 feet if lawn mower (with blade disengaged) or yard trimmer is started. Do not start or run any lawn mower unless blade has been disengaged.
4. If a lawn mower (with blade disengaged) or yard trimmer is started, everyone in the area should wear eye protection.
5. Lawn mowers used for displays or props should have the spark plug disconnected.
6. If demonstrating how a yard trimmer will cut hotdogs, do not insert any item into them (wire, nails, dowels, etc.) to hold them up-right. These too could be flung at bystanders.