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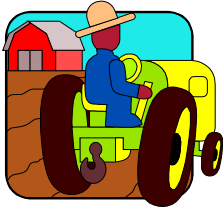
Tractor Safety

1. Do not operate a tractor unless you have received training and are familiar with that particular tractor. This is especially true for operating on hillsides and public roads, or when using front-end loaders. In Washington a teen must be age 16 to operate tractors > 20 PTO horsepower or other farm equipment.
2. Always check the tractor before operating it each day for flat tires, leaks, and other safety hazards. If something is wrong, inform your supervisor.
3. A ROPS (Roll-Over Protective Structure) should ALWAYS be used on a tractor unless the upright ROPS makes it impossible to move under something such as orchard tree branches or the inside of a building. Always wear your seatbelt when operating a tractor with ROPS.
4. Always start the tractor from the operator's seat. Never start it while standing on the ground. Never start it using a tool to bypass the switch (known as "bypass starting").
5. Never carry extra riders. Never joy-ride or use a tractor for other than its intended purpose.
6. Use handholds when mounting or dismounting a tractor. Never jump down. Keep steps clear of mud, tools, etc.

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Safety Training for Employers and Supervisors of Adolescent Farmworkers





7. Make sure everyone is out of the way before starting and moving a tractor. Keep children away. Check for others who may be working or standing in the area.
8. Always operate at speeds appropriate for conditions. Slow down when turning or approaching gates, narrow bridges, etc. Keep speeds down when using a loader or carrying a load that affects the tractor's stability. Avoid operating the tractor near ditches, embankments and holes.
9. When on a public road, use proper lighting and marking, including a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem. Lighting and marking should be clean, bright, and in good operating condition.
10. Never hitch to something other than the drawbar or three-point hitch. Hitching too high can cause a rear overturn.
11. Make sure all shields and guards are in place, such as the power take-off (PTO) shield on the back of the tractor.
12. Never operate a tractor indoors unless the building is well ventilated. Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can kill you.
13. Always shut off the tractor when refueling and allow the engine to cool briefly. Never smoke near refueling operations. Additionally, never open the radiator cap while the engine is hot; hot coolant can erupt and scald.
14. Always put the tractor in park or set the brakes when parking. Lower raised equipment.
15. Always shut off the tractor when dismounting, or follow your supervisor's instructions.