

Self-propelled equipment

fieldwork



Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Equipment is service checked before the child uses it
- All safety features are in place
- Child does not operate equipment after dark or in bad weather
- Child and adult can communicate by cell phone, walkie-talkies or other method
- Long hair is tied up
- Child has at least one ten-minute break every hour
- Child drinks a quart of fluids every hour

Can your child do this job?

ABILITY

Can the child reach and operate all controls while wearing a seatbelt?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't reach the controls are more likely to be injured.

Is the child strong enough to fully operate the controls without using both feet or straining?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't fully operate the controls are more likely to be injured.

Does the child have good peripheral vision? For example, while looking straight ahead, can the child see your finger entering his or her field of vision at shoulder level?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children with limited vision may not see people or obstacles in the work area.

Can the child use hands and feet at the same time? For example, can the child run and dribble a basketball?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who lack coordination may not be able to safely operate the self-propelled equipment.

Can the child stay focused on a job up to 50 minutes?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children working beyond their attention span are easily distracted and more likely to be injured.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

Can the child recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm to prevent injury.

Does the child usually go with his or her "gut" feeling without thinking too much about what could happen next?

- Yes. **STOP** STOP! Children who act on impulse are more likely to be injured.
- No.

Is your child responsible? Do you trust your child to do what's expected without anyone checking?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Irresponsible behavior can lead to injury.

Does the child do things that seem dangerous for the thrill of it?

- Yes. **STOP** STOP! Children who take risks or behave dangerously are more likely to be injured.
- No.

TRAINING

Has an adult demonstrated fieldwork with self-propelled equipment on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

Main Hazards



Moving parts can entangle arms, legs, hair and clothing



Collision with obstacles can cause injury

Remember



Hearing protection



Non-skid shoes



Respirator as needed

Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

Age 16+: A child must be 16 or older to drive on a public road. **WATCH** constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.