

Lawn Mower Safety Tips

Handling Gasoline

Never smoke when filling the gas tank.

Store gasoline in a container with a UL, FM, or CSA label.

Never keep gasoline in the house or fill gas tank indoors.

Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light such as near a water heater or other appliances.

Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck bed with a plastic bed liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.

Wipe up gasoline spills immediately and do not attempt to start the engine but move the machine away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.

Never over-fill the fuel tank. Replace gas cap and tighten securely.

Never remove the gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow the engine to cool, before refueling.

Safety for All Mowers

Be sure to completely read the safety information contained in the operator's manual.

Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.

Tragic accidents can occur with children.

Do not allow children anywhere near the area of operation.

Children are often attracted to the unit and mowing activity.

Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

If there is a risk that children may enter the area where you are mowing, have another responsible adult watch them.

The blades on mowers spin very fast and can pick up and throw debris that could seriously injure a bystander.

Be sure to clean up the area to be mowed before you start mowing.

Do not operate a lawnmower with the discharge guard (reflector) or engine grass catcher installed.

The Mower Deck has spinning mowers blades that can amputate hands and feet.

Do not allow anyone near the mower while it is running.

Always allow the mower blade(s) to stop completely before leaving the mower's operator position.

Always turn off mower when crossing a sidewalk or a driveway.

Safety For Riding Mowers

Do not give children rides on a riding mower, even with the mower blades not turning.

Children may fall off and be badly injured or interfere with safe machine operation.

Children who have been given rides in the past may suddenly appear in the mowing area for another ride and be run over or backed over by the machine.

Do not mow with a riding mower in reverse unless absolutely necessary.

You can be seriously injured or even killed if you use a riding mower on too steep an incline.

Using a riding mower on a slope that is too steep, or where you don't have adequate traction can cause you to lose control or roll over.

Always consult your operator's manual for safety messages concerning operation on a slope.

Safety For Walk-Behind Mowers

Do not put your hands or feet near or under the mower.

Never tilt a walk-behind mower; always keep all four wheels on the ground.

Do not pull the mower backward unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while mowing backwards.

Safety For Electric Mowers

Use only recommended, grounded extension cords.

Mow away from the cord.

Never abuse the cord or use a frayed cord.

Always turn off the mower when you leave it and unplug the cord directly from the outlet; never unplug by yanking the cord from the wall.

Never use an electric mower when wet or raining.