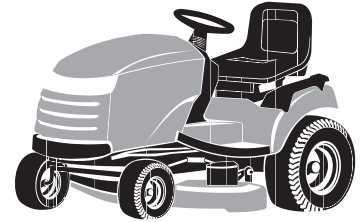




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Lawn Mowers Can Be A Safety Hazard for Kids



The following tips, when enforced, can help prevent injuries to children related to the use of lawn mowers:

- Children younger than 12 should not operate any type of lawn mower.
- The minimum age for using a ride-on mower should be 16.
- Children should not ride with adults, as passengers, on ride-on mowers.
- Children should remain at a safe distance when adults mow the lawn.
- Sturdy shoes are the best footwear for everyone nearby, when a lawn mower is in operation. Never sandals.
- Appropriate eyewear and hearing protection should be worn.
- The yard should be cleared of stones, toys and other debris before mowing begins, to prevent injuries from flying objects.
- Never drive backwards, unless absolutely required and then use extreme caution.
- When purchasing a lawn mower, look for machines with a forward control mechanism that stops the machine from moving if the handle is released.

Source: HealthDay News at www.healthfinder.gov.
For more on lawn mower safety, contact the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.