

LAWN MOWERS

There are many potential injuries that can occur while using a lawnmower. Following these tips can decrease your chances of being injured.

Read the manufacturer's equipment manual before starting, operating, or servicing your equipment to avoid any personal injury or damage to your property.

BEFORE USE

Check conditions to make sure there are no thunderstorms in the area.

Clear the mowing areas of any foreign objects that could be picked up and thrown by the lawnmower blades.

Make sure safety devices, shields, or switch guards are in place. Hot and sharp parts should be protected.

DURING USE

Keep children off the lawn while mowing. Children should not use a mower until they are old enough. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the age requirement is generally 12 for a push mower and 16 for a riding mower.



Wear goggles, hearing protection, gloves, closed toe shoes, and long pants.

Before refueling, allow the lawnmower to completely cool.

Do not drink alcohol, or use other impairing substances, before or during the use of a lawnmower.

AFTER USE

Mowers can catch fire even after use. As a precaution, leave the mower far enough away from buildings and covered areas to prevent a fire from spreading.

Wait for it to cool completely before storage to reduce the risk of a fire.

Do not store a hot lawnmower.

SERVICING LAWNMOWERS

When using a mower for the first time, after a long period of inactivity, have it serviced by a professional to ensure it is working correctly.



Do not conduct inspections or repairs on lawnmower equipment before the motor is off, the blades have come to a complete stop, and the spark plug has been removed.

Never put hands or feet into the mower to remove grass or debris. Even when the motor is off, the blade is sharp and could still be spinning.

