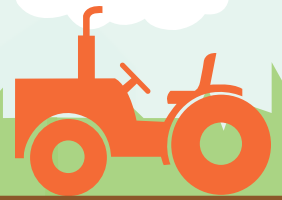


# Lawnmower Safety



## Before Using a Lawnmower

Read manufacturer's instructions

Clear the mowing area of foreign objects

Check weather conditions

Do not tamper with safety devices, shields, or switch guards

## While Using a Lawnmower



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

Allow a mower to completely cool before refueling

Do not use drugs or alcohol while using a mower

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



## After Using a Lawnmower

Do not store a hot mower

The heat from a mower can start a fire even after use

Keep mowers away from buildings and covered areas until completely cooled

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends waiting until a child is 12 before allowing them to use a push mower and 16 to use a riding mower. Never allow younger children to use or ride on a lawnmower.

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