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LAWN MOWING GUIDELINES

- Persons under the age of 18 should not be allowed to operate tractors, trimmers, riding lawn mowers or other power equipment.
- No persons, other than the operator, should ride on tractors or lawn mowers.
- While not recommended, with proper training, individuals over the age of 16 could be allowed to operate a manual push mower.
- Persons under the age of 16 should not be allowed to fuel any gasoline-powered equipment.
- All fuel should be stored in properly labeled and approved containers. Type II safety cans are recommended. Quantity of fuel should be limited to 5 gallons or less.
- Safety glasses and hearing protection should be worn at all times.
- Manufacturer's maintenance and safety guidelines for all equipment should be followed. Frequent inspection of equipment is essential.
- Persons under the age of 16 should be given tasks appropriate to their age and skill level. Tasks such as raking or bagging would be acceptable. Heavy lifting should not be allowed.
- Many states require work permits for employees that are minors. Check with your state requirements to ensure compliance.