



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Lawn Care

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- 1)** What are the potential injuries involved with lawn care work?
  - a. Slips, trips, falls
  - b. Burns
  - c. Lacerations
  - d. Amputations
  
- 2)** What hazards should be recognized?
  - a. Equipment in need of repair
  - b. Insects and allergies
  - c. Unexpected start up
  - d. Hot areas on equipment
  - e. Wet and slippery grass
  - f. Dehydration, heat stress, heat stroke
  
- 3)** What safe practices should be used?
  - a. Wear safety glasses and hearing protection when mowing, weed trimming, and operating other machinery
  - b. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that has potential to get caught in equipment and/or machinery
  - c. Wear breathable clothing
  - d. Keep all switches, guards, and shields maintained and in place
  - e. Never fuel when the engine is running or hot. Fuel in well ventilated areas
  - f. Shut off engine and remove spark plug when working under the mower deck
  
- 4)** What other safe practices come to mind that we did not cover?
- 5)** Why should we never bypass automatic shut-off devices?
- 6)** Which way should you cut grass on a wet slope?
- 7)** Does everyone have work boots, gloves, and safety glasses?
- 8)** Where on our equipment are there burn hazards?
- 9)** Has anyone ever had an accident or near miss while working with lawn care equipment?



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**Make Time for Safety, Everyday!** – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking 'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job today!' But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. *What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?*

***Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!***

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Attendance Sheet
