Lawn Mower Safety

Did you know...

- Each year, nearly 80,000 Americans require hospital treatment due to injuries caused by lawn mowers.
- Nearly 9,400 children in the U.S. younger than 18 years receive emergency care for lawn mower-related injuries – one-fourth are to children younger than five years.

Lawn Mower Safety Checklist:

- Don’t allow children to play in or near areas where lawn mowers are being used.
- Don’t allow children to ride as passengers or be towed behind mowers.
- Never assume children will remain where you last saw them. Turn off the mower if children enter the mowing area.
- Use extra care when backing up or going around corners, shrubs, trees, and other obstacles.
- Before mowing, walk around the area to remove objects. Nails and wire are the most hazardous objects thrown by mowers, and they are capable of killing bystanders.
- Children younger than six should be kept indoors during mowing.

Remember...

Lawn mowers are machines with sharp blades spinning at 160 miles per hour, just inches away from our feet and hands. Respect the dangers inherent to such a machine and use common sense.

Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics and Consumer Affairs