

Groundskeeping Safety



Review the following groundskeeping safety tips with your employees.

Toolbox Tips

- Report any incidents, damage to equipment or hazardous conditions.
- Pay attention to your walking paths, as groundskeeping and maintenance personnel must walk and work on many types of uneven surfaces that may be deteriorating and slippery.
- Wear seat belts when operating or riding in vehicles, UTVs, mowers or tractors with roll over protection.
- Do not ride in the back of pickup trucks or trailers and avoid jumping from trucks or machines.
- Prevent shoulder strains and ankle injuries by using three-point contact when getting in or out of any tractors, mowers, UTVs or trucks.
- Select the correct ladder for the job and follow the usage instructions. When doing work on elevated surfaces, make sure the ladder is tall enough to reach the work.
- Ensure elevated working surfaces are protected with guardrails to prevent falls.
- Stay alert when mowing or trimming along ditch lines, runoff areas or road embankments.
- Routinely treat work areas, pathways and sidewalks with ice melt during winter precipitation.
- Wear slip-on ice cleats when performing any snow or ice removal operations.
- Wear closed toe or steel toe footwear to prevent puncture wounds and crushed toes.
- Always wear eye protection when operating any tools or equipment that can produce flying objects.
- Use hearing protection when loud tools or processes are near.

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