



# JOB AID HAZARD AWARENESS INFO

## LAWN MOWER/GOLF COURSE MOWER

A lawn mower is a machine that uses blades to cut grass to an even height. There are several types of mowers all suited for a particular purpose and job.

A golf course is often cut with a reel mower, which is pulled by a riding tractor.

Many injuries are caused by improper use of lawn mowers. Small hand pushed mowers and larger lawn mowers can be dangerous. Always review the hazards associated with lawn mowers and what it means to work safely when using them.

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### Hazards Involved/Arise

- Cut or crushed body parts
- Hearing loss
- Eye injuries
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Sprains, strains
- Bruises, broken bones
- Toe and finger amputations
- Slips, trips and falls
- Overturning on slopes



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### People Affected

- Operator
- Bystander

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### Existing Controls

- Training in safe use
- Daily equipment circle checks and preventive maintenance schedules
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as eye protection and gloves
- Walk—never run—with a lawn mower
- When using a walk-behind mower, always wear steel-toed work boots
- Always push, never pull, a walk-behind mower
- Turn the engine off when finished with lawn mower
- When refueling, avoid open flames and only do so when engine is cool
- Keep hands and feet clear of moving or jammed blades
- To avoid tipping, slow down when turning sharply on slopes

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