

HAZARD BULLETIN



Lawn and Farm Equipment Safety

Employers are responsible to ensure the safety of workers. This includes maintaining safe operations at all locations where employees work, both inside and out.

There have been many injuries and deaths when using powered farm and landscaping equipment and MIOSHA would like to remind companies with operations involving this dangerous equipment to take an extra moment to prioritize safety.



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Delivery Safety

Recent Fatalities

- On April 6, 2024, a 23-year-old agricultural worker was driving a tractor pulling a farm implement and lost control, causing the tractor to overturn. The victim was ejected from the cab, which rolled over onto the victim.
- On July 10, 2023, a 75-year-old general laborer was operating a riding lawn mower and it flipped over a retention wall.
- On September 19, 2023, a 59-year-old grounds worker was operating a zero-turn riding lawn mower. A witness stated they observed the victim drive straight off an approximate four-foot embankment and onto the cement. The victim was killed when the lawn mower landed on them.

How to Stay Safe

- Be sure all operators are properly trained before using any equipment.
- Take time to thoroughly inspect and maintain equipment in proper working condition.
- Follow manufacturer guidelines for safe operation.
- Avoid any modifications that could compromise safety or bypass safety features of the equipment.
- Make sure to have good policies in place for high temperatures or dangerous weather conditions.
- Get Help! Reach out to for help in hazard recognition, best practices and training.

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