

Safety Meeting
Lawn Mowers



Company: _____ Presenter: _____ Date: _____

Well, spring is about here and for many of us that means yard work. And what would spring yard work be without going a few rounds with the old lawn mower? Before you get the it out of the garage, take time to review some mower safety tips.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say hospital emergency rooms nationwide treat about 60 thousand lawn mower injuries each year. The majority of these victims are under age 16. Injuries range from cuts from the mower blades and burns from touching hot parts to injuries from objects flying out from under the mower.

Knowing how to properly operate your mower -- including how to stop the machine quickly -- can help prevent injuries. Clear the area to be mowed of rocks, branches, wires and other objects. Keep your hands and feet away from the mower blades. Wear appropriate clothing. Slippery shoes and loose or dangling clothing can be dangerous. Eye protection is also important.

Pay attention to what you're doing. Don't allow children near the mower and supervise teenagers. Just as you shouldn't drink and drive, you shouldn't drink and mow. Don't operate a mower when your reflexes are impaired by any substance. And don't smoke while refueling or operating the mower.

Another mowing danger that you might not think about is heat illness. Drink plenty of liquids and take occasional breaks while mowing on unseasonably hot spring days.

Employee Signatures

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