



Tailgate Safety Training for Landscaping and Horticultural Services

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No Riders on Lawn Equipment

Objective: Identify the dangers of riders on lawn equipment.

How to Use This Module

Riders on any power equipment are a safety hazard and should not be allowed. For this module:

- Discuss why people might have riders with your supervisor or other workers.
- Discuss the hazards involved with riders.
- Note that a rider is allowed on tractors and other equipment for training purposes only.
- Review the important points.
- Take the True/False quiz to check your learning.

Background

Most equipment does not have an extra seat, but some workers allow riders. Any rider for any reason is a safety hazard. An extra rider may block the driver's view or movement. And a rider also may:

- Fall from the equipment.
- Be run over.
- Become entangled in the equipment.
- Be killed.

Extra passengers are problematic because they:

- Interfere with the operator's vision and ability to use controls.
- Distract the operator.
- Increase the rider's exposure to noise, dust, and chemicals.
- Increase the risk of a multiple injury incident.

Advance planning helps avoid the need for riders. You can plan other transportation if additional workers are needed at the work site.

Remember

- Only one person is allowed on each piece of machinery.
- No riders should be allowed on any lawn equipment. This should be strictly enforced. No children — ever!
- New workers should be trained in the classroom or shop before they drive machinery and lawn equipment.
- Use additional vehicles to transport workers to and from a job site — not lawn equipment.

Review These Important Points

- Riders on any power equipment are a safety hazard and should not be allowed.
- All drivers of equipment need training in a classroom setting.
- Plan transportation for passengers early. This reduces the temptation to carry riders on machinery and lawn equipment.

About These Modules

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Answer Key: 1 = T, 2 = T, 3 = F, 4 = F, 5 = F.

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True or False?

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| 1. Advance planning of all transportation needs is one way to keep riders off lawn equipment. | T | F |
| 2. Extra riders can be a distraction to the operator. | T | F |
| 3. Small children can ride on lawn equipment. | T | F |
| 4. Most equipment provides extra seating for riders. | T | F |
| 5. Two heads are better than one when it comes to making quick decisions on lawn equipment. | T | F |