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# Grounds for Safety

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## Groundskeepers use much powered machinery

- They use mowers, trimmers, tillers, chippers
- The machines slice grass, branches, soil
- They also slice fingers and toes
- They propel chips and stones
- Particles fly faster than eyes can blink

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## You can use powered machinery safely:

- **Wear safety-toed footwear**
- **Wear safety eyewear**
- **Gloves protect hands from many hazards**
- **They protect hands from vibration**
- **Keep them away from rotating machinery**

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## You may have to fix equipment jams

You might need to adjust equipment

- Turn it off before reaching in
- Have all moving parts stopped?
- Unplug electrical equipment
- Gasoline-powered? Remove spark plug

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**Fuel equipment before you start work**

**Wait until it cools before refueling**

**Is equipment running on electricity?**

**Use approved cords and outlets**

**Protect the cord from damage**

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## **Groundskeeping may include driving tractors**

- **Get training before trying**
- **Put it in neutral before starting engine**
- **Run tractors up and down hills**
- **Avoid driving across the slopes**

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## Protect yourself from the sun

- Wear light clothing and sunscreen
- Wear a brimmed hat and sunglasses
- Heat illness can kill. Drink water often
- Eat lightly salted snacks
- Take breaks in the shade

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## Overhead power lines kill workers

- Many never even noticed the lines
- Beware touching a line with a ladder
- Or with shears, a branch or pole
- Irrigation pipes can hit power lines
- A truck box also allows electrocution

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## Landscaping has other hazards

- They include fertilizers and pesticides
- Insects and snakes may be poisonous
- Stonework could fall or roll on you
- Rotating power takeoffs can crush

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