

# Using a front-end loader

## tractor-mounted

### Adult responsibilities

#### ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Hydraulic lines are checked for signs of leaking or wear
- Implement is in good working order
- All safety features are in place
- Work area has no hazards
- Child and adult can communicate by cellular phone, walkie-talkie or other methods
- Child wears long sleeved shirt, long pants, wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Long hair is tied up

### Can your child do this job?

#### ABILITY

##### Can the child drive a tractor?

(See "Driving a Farm Tractor")

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to drive a tractor to do this job safely.

##### Does the child have good peripheral vision? For example, while looking straight ahead, can the child see your finger entering his or her field of vision at shoulder level?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children with limited vision may not see people or obstacles in the work area.

##### Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 10-step process?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't remember the steps to a job are more likely to be injured.

##### Can the child recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm prevent injury.

##### Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

##### Does the child usually go with his or her "gut" feeling without thinking too much about what could happen next?

- Yes. **STOP** STOP! Children who act on impulse are more likely to be injured.
- No.

##### Is your child responsible? Do you trust your child to do what's expected without anyone checking?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Irresponsible behavior can lead to injury.

##### Does the child do things that seem dangerous for the thrill of it?

- Yes. **STOP** STOP! Children who take risks or behave dangerously are more likely to be injured.
- No.



#### TRAINING

##### Has an adult demonstrated using a tractor-mounted front end loader on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

##### Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

#### SUPERVISION

##### Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

### Main Hazards



Tractor rollover can cause death or disability



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Collision with fences and trees can cause injury

### Remember



Hearing protection



Non-skid shoes

## Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

#### Age 14-15:

**WATCH** constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

#### Age 16+:

A child must be 16 or older to drive on a public road. **CHECK** every few minutes.