

# Lawnmower Safety Tips



**Roughly 20 percent of all lawnmower-related injuries requiring hospitalization in Indiana, involve children 6 to 16 years of age.**

**Another 20 percent involve children 6 years of age and younger.**

**Children most commonly come in contact with lawn mower blades either while operating the mower when too young, or by falling off a mower while riding with an adult. Young children can also fall or slip into the operating mower blade while playing and running nearby, or many be struck with rocks or other objects thrown by the mower.**

## Lawnmower Facts

- **Rotary mower blades whirl at 2,000 to 4,000 revolutions per minute, or at 100 to 200 miles per hour.**
- **The majority of lawn mower-related injuries to children are to the legs, feet and toes.**



## Safety Tips

- Pick up objects from the lawn, like stones or toys, before mowing.
- Do not allow children to play in the vicinity of an operating lawnmower.
- Never allow young children to ride with an adult on a lawnmower.
- Do not allow children younger than 16 to operate riding mowers.
- Do not allow children younger than 12 to use push mowers.
- Wear sturdy shoes and protective eyewear while operating the mower.
- Know how to quickly disengage the clutch and stop the engine.
- Never remove or alter any safety features on your lawnmower.

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