

Using a front-end loader

tractor-mounted

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- All safety features are in place
- Hydraulic lines are checked for signs of leaking or wear
- Work area has no hazards



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 to 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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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:

LIMIT to tractors of less than 20 horsepower.
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.