

Running pressure washer

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Work area has no electrical hazards
- Child changes outer clothing and washes hands after job



Can your child do this job?

Main Hazards



Slippery surface can lead to slips and falls



Contact with electric wires can cause shock



Contact with detergents and sanitizers can irritate skin

ABILITY

Can the child easily push or pull up to 10-15% of his or her body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who have to strain to push or pull a heavy object are more likely to be injured.

Can the child maneuver the pressure washer? For example, can the child move a grocery cart through the store?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't handle the pressure washer are more likely to be injured.

Is the spray nozzle the right length for the child's hand?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The wrong size equipment can cause injury.

Does the child have good eye-hand coordination?

- a. Can he or she catch a basketball?
- b. Can he or she pour milk into a cereal bowl?
- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Good eye-hand coordination is needed to prevent injury.

Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-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.

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.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained to handle chemicals, including detergents and sanitizers?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Training is needed to prevent injury.

Has an adult demonstrated running a pressure washer 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.

Remember



Eye protection



Non-skid shoes



Fluid-resistant gloves

Supervision

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

Age 12-13:

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

Age 14-15:

CHECK every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.