

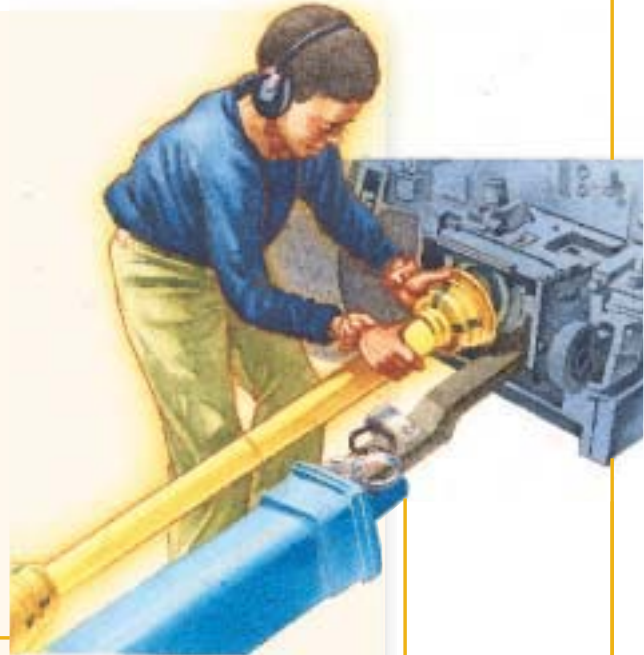
Power takeoff

connect/disconnect

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Implement is in good working order
- All safety features are in place
- Work area has no hazards
- Long hair is tied up



Can your child do this job?

Main Hazard



Weight of PTO shaft can strain muscles

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.

Can the child hitch and unhitch the implement?
(See "Trailed Implements Hitch/Unhitch" or "3-Point Implements Hitch/Unhitch")

- Yes.
- No. **CAUTION!** An adult should hitch and unhitch the implement.

Does the PTO shaft weigh less than 10-15% of the child's body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children lifting more than 15% of their body weight are more likely to injure their backs.

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.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained on lifting techniques?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Lifting incorrectly can cause back injury.

Has an adult demonstrated connecting and disconnecting the PTO 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



Non-skid shoes



Hearing protection



Tight-fitting clothes

Supervision

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

Age 14-15: **CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** the child to do the job.

Age 16+: When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** the child to do the job.