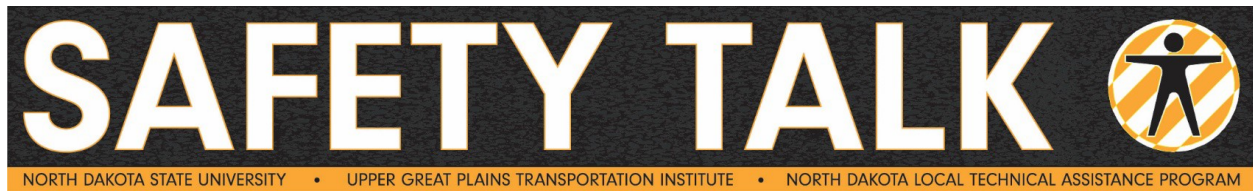


TRACTOR MOWER SAFETY

25 Rules to Practice for Safe Tractor Mowing

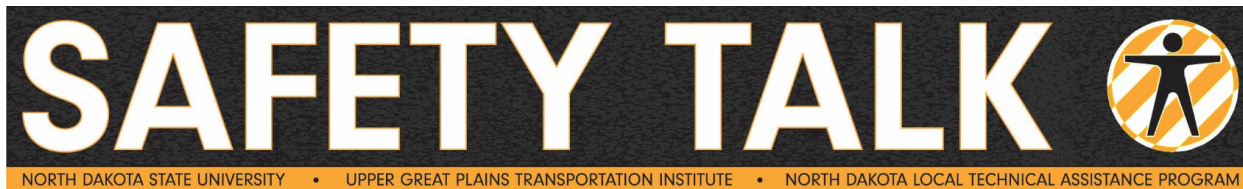
1. Safety is the responsibility of every operator
 - Think Safety at all time to prevent accidents.
 - Follow safety rules in the operator's manual
2. Always use 3-point of contact facing the tractor while mounting/dismounting
3. Do not operate malfunctioning equipment
4. Avoid wearing loose clothing around equipment machinery
5. Always wear your seat belt – know your agencies seat belt policy
6. Keep all safety shields in place
7. Ensure warning lights are working
8. Keep blades sharp and equipment in good condition
9. Know the location of controls, safety features
10. Monitor your gauges for safe ranges
11. Keep the equipment clean – do a daily walk around
12. Before operating any equipment, ensure no one is near the equipment
13. Test all controls after starting
14. Keep a safe distance from people
15. Watch out for obstacles
 - a. Electrical lines
 - b. Overhead clearances
 - c. Traffic and railroad tracks



16. Stay in gear when traveling downhill
17. Go slow when mowing in tall weeds
18. Do NOT mow slopes steeper than 3:1
19. Check on co-workers periodically
20. Always operate the controls from the tractor's seat
21. Before leaving the tractor seat:
 - a. Place tractor in PARK or NEUTRAL
 - b. Set the parking brake
 - c. Disengage the PTO
 - d. Shut off the engine
 - e. Remove the key
 - f. Wait for all moving parts to stop
22. Never mount or dismount a moving tractor
23. Never leave running equipment unattended
24. Never place any part of your body under a mower until the mower is properly supported
25. Never park equipment in areas of traffic hazards

Action Items:

- **Be aware of what is going on around you**— be alert and aware at all times – never be a distracted operator
- **Wear the proper PPE at all times** – High visibility safety vests should be worn at all times (class II or class III), hearing protection, gloves, rain gear, safety toe footwear
- **Have a first aid kit available**
- **Know the area you are planning to mow** – looking for large rocks or other large objects, slopes steeper than 3:1, steep banks, ditches or wet areas
- **Do daily inspections of every piece of equipment, inside and out** – make sure that you document the inspection



Resources for Tractor Mower Safety:

Tractor Mower Safety Poster: <https://www.ndltap.org/resources/safety/downloads/TractorMowerSafety.pdf>

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Transportation Learning Network (TLN) Tractor Mower Safety Recorded Webinar – you must sign-in to the Learning Management System (LMS) to access the webinar <https://tln.learnflex.net/include/login.asp?url=/users/index.asp>

Course Description: As the maintenance forces begin to shift their work focus from winter/spring to summer activities, it is time to begin thinking about our mowing operations. This presentation will discuss pre-trip inspections, preventative maintenance, safety during operations, hazard identification, transporting of equipment and setting up a temporary work zone as applicable.

Common equipment wear points and other items that could cause equipment to be “red-tagged” will be presented in order to allow time to acquire replacement parts before operating season gets here.



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