

Groundskeeping

General Safety

A maintenance employee suffered a knee cartilage tear after jumping from the back of a pickup. Review these groundskeeping safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

- Report any incidents, damage to equipment or hazardous conditions.
- Pay attention to your walking paths. Groundskeeping and maintenance personnel must walk and work on many types of uneven surfaces that are deteriorating and slippery.
- Wear seat belts whenever operating or riding in vehicles, UTVs, mowers or tractors with roll over protection.
- Do not ride in the back of pickup trucks or trailers and avoid jumping from trucks or machines.
- Prevent shoulder strains and ankle injuries by using three-point contact when getting in or out of any tractors, mowers, UTVs or trucks.
- Select the correct ladder for the job and follow the usage instructions. When doing work on elevated surfaces, make sure the ladder is tall enough to reach the work.
- Make sure elevated working surfaces are protected with guardrails to prevent falls.
- Stay alert when mowing or trimming along ditch lines, runoff areas or road embankments.
- Make sure work areas, pathways and sidewalks are routinely treated with ice melt during winter precipitation.
- Prevent puncture wounds and crushed toes by wearing closed toe or steel toe footwear.
- Wear slip-on ice cleats when performing any snow or ice removal operations.
- Always wear eye protection when operating any tools or equipment that can produce flying objects.
- Use hearing protection when loud tools or processes are near.

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