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Lawn Tractor Safety

Purpose of activity: The purpose of this activity is to learn about lawn tractor safety while preparing youth to operate lawn tractors on their own. This activity teaches skills including how to do a lawn tractor safety check, what to wear for clothing and protection gear, and surveying the lawn. Adult supervision is highly recommended in this activity.

Materials:

- [Fairview Online Lawn Mower Safety Resource](#)
- [Lawn Tractor Safety Check List](#)
- [On-line resource from healthychildren.org](#)

Instructions:

1. With an adult, read and discuss [Lawn Mower Safety for Kids](#).
2. Gather your protective clothing and gear.
3. Complete the [lawn tractor safety check list](#).
4. With your adult, survey the lawn for holes and slopes, while checking for items that need to be removed.
5. With adult supervision, mow the designated lawn.
6. Demonstrate your learning by making a lawn tractor safety education poster or short video about how you can be safe while operating machinery.

Reflective Questions

1. What did you do?
2. What went well?
3. What challenges did you have and how did you work through them?
4. What else do you want to learn about tractors and lawn tractor safety?

For more information on 4-H lawn and garden tractor project visit extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=28.