

Loss Control Services – 5 Minute Safety Topic

Lawn Care Safety

Itching to get the school yard into shape for the new season? Here are ways to help ensure your spring spruce-up is disaster-free.

- Know and follow all the District rules and instructions about power mowers.
- Limber up. Yard chores may seem easy, but they involve muscles you probably haven't used in a while.
- Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers.
- More than 60,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for lawn-mower injuries.
- Rake before you mow to prevent stones and loose debris from launching into the air.
- Never operate a mower in your bare feet and avoid wearing loose clothing.
- Never start a mower indoors.
- When refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine — and don't smoke while pouring gasoline.
- Never leave your mower operational while unattended.
- Don't use electrical mowers on wet grass.

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