

Trailed implements

hitch/unhitch

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

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



Can your child do this job?

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.

Does the implement tongue that the child will lift 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.

Does the child have good peripheral vision? For example, while looking straight ahead, can the child see your finger entering his or her field of vision at shoulder level?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children with limited vision may not see people or obstacles in the work area.

Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 10-step process?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't remember the steps to a job are more likely to be injured.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained on lifting techniques?

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

Has an adult demonstrated hitching and unhitching the trailed implement 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.

Main Hazards



Slippery surfaces can lead to slips and falls



Tractor runover can cause death or disability



Second person can be pinned between tractor and implement

Remember



Non-skid shoes



Hearing protection

Supervision

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

Age 12-13: **LIMIT** to tractors of less than 70 horsepower. **WATCH** constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 14-15: **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 16+: A child must be 16 or older to drive an articulated tractor or drive on a public road. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** the child to do the job.

If a second person assists with hitching:

Age 16+: **WATCH** constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.