

# Hydraulics

connect/disconnect

## Adult responsibilities

### ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Implement is in good working order
- All safety features are in place
- Hydraulic lines are checked for signs of leaking or wear
- Work area has no hazards
- Long hair is tied up



## 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.

**Can the child hitch and unhitch the implement?**

(See "Trailed Implements Hitch/Unhitch" or "3-Point Implements Hitch/Unhitch")

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should hitch and unhitch the implement.

**Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-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 recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?**

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm to prevent injury.

### TRAINING

**Has an adult demonstrated connecting and disconnecting hydraulics 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 Hazard



High pressure injection of hydraulic fluid can cause gangrene

## Remember



Non-skid shoes



Hearing protection



Tight-fitting clothes

## Supervision

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

**Age 14–15:**  
**WATCH** constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

**Age 16+:**  
When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** the child to do the job.