Lawnmower Safety Tips

Check out these tips to avoid injuries while mowing your lawn this season.

1. Never use your hands to remove grass or debris from the lawnmower.
2. Never lift a mower from the bottom or the blades will cut your fingers, even when not running.
3. Never cut grass when the ground is damp.
4. Read your mower’s instruction manual prior to use.
5. Do not remove any safety devices or guards on switches.
6. Only allow one person at a time on a riding mower.
7. Keep up with the maintenance of your mower, and keep blades sharp.
8. Do not drink alcohol before operating a lawnmower.
9. Wear protective goggles and gloves, and always wear shoes while mowing the lawn.
10. Do not allow children on or near a lawnmower, especially when it is running.

22% of lawnmower injuries involve the hand, wrist or finger.

25% of all hand and foot lawnmower injuries result in amputation.

Lawnmower injuries are most common for:
- Adults 25-64 years of age
- Children under the age of 5

Each year, more than 75,000 people are injured using a lawnmower.

Stay safe this season while mowing your lawn. Learn more at www.handcare.org.