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## MAKE THE MOWING SEASON A SAFE SEASON

Every year, millions of Americans turn to their power mowers to tame the rapidly growing grass in their yards.

But every year an estimated 50,000 people turn to hospital emergency-room assistance because of power mower related accidents.

Ordie Hogsett, University of Illinois Extension safety specialist, says yards should be cleared of stones and debris before you mow. The mower's discharge chute can shoot out debris at speeds up to 170 miles per hour.

Hogsett also offers these suggestions:

- Do not fill the gasoline tank while the engine is running or even when the machine is hot.
- Start power mowers outdoors or in a garage with doors and windows open. Without proper ventilation, there is danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- When starting the engine, stand away from the mower and make sure the blade cannot make contact with your feet.
- Push the "walk behind" mowers across slopes, not up and down. This will keep the mower from sliding back into your feet and will keep you from slipping and falling into the mower. But if you use a "riding" mower, go up and down slopes for better stability.
- Do not mow wet grass because it causes clogging.
- When unclogging the discharge chute, make sure the engine is off. Disconnect the spark plug wire to prevent the motor from accidentally starting.

- If your power mower does not have a grass-catching bag, make sure it has a deflector plate to direct the discharge toward the ground.
- Keep an eye out for children, especially when you are making turns or putting a riding mower in reverse.
- Do not carry passengers.
- Before starting a riding mower, shift into neutral to keep the machine from "lurching."
- Avoid walking in front of the discharge chute. It may turn out to be as dangerous as strolling through a firing range.
- Even if you leave your mower for a moment, stop the engine. Curious children may investigate the machine while you're gone.

— Illinois Cooperative Extension Service

## GOLF'S HARDEST SHOT — SOME OPINIONS

The hardest shot is a mashie at 90 yards from the green, where the ball has to be played against an oak tree, bounces back into a sandtrap, hits a stone, bounces on the green and then rolls into the cup. That shot is so difficult I have made it only once.

**Zeppo Marks, 1923**

I am still undecided as to which of these two is the hardest shot in golf for me—any unconceded putt, or the explosion shot off the first tee. Both have caused me more strokes than I care to write about.

**Ring Lardner, 1924**

I am stumped when it comes to saying which is the hardest shot in golf for me, but I know the easiest one—the first shot at the 19th Hole.

**W.C. Fields, 1925**

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