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Open Letter To All Interested Parties:

Due to an increase in injuries involving riding lawn mowers and similar vehicles, Minnesota OSHA would like to remind those working with these types of vehicles of the following:

Rollover Protection and seatbelts are required on all motorized, self-propelled vehicles and mowers that are equipped with a 20 horsepower motor and above (§ 182.653, Subp. 2). Four-wheeled vehicles and mowers operating on flat terrain only will be exempt. Three-wheeled vehicles have no exemption.

This regulation is especially relevant in the maintenance of landscaping such as on golf courses, cemeteries, parks, and roadsides. In addition to the above regulation, employers should know that:

Any employee exposed to flying objects or subjected to possible injury by flying objects needs to wear head protection (such as a hard hat). Employers are required to provide this head protection for their employees.

Minnesota OSHA will be assuring compliance with the above standards during investigations at businesses where the above vehicles are in use and/or flying objects are a hazard for employees. If you have any questions about either of these standards, please contact your nearest OSHA office or call (612) 296-2116.

**Minnesota Department
of Labor & Industry**

Sincerely,

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