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Tractor
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Introduction

THANK YOU for purchasing a John Deere product.

READ THIS MANUAL carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine correctly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

MEASUREMENTS in this manual are U.S. customary units and their metric equivalents.

RIGHT-HAND AND LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction the implement will travel when going forward.

WRITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS in the Specifications section. Accurately record all the numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when you order parts. If this manual is kept on the machine, also file the identification numbers in a secure place off the machine.

WARRANTY is provided as part of John Deere's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. The warranty is explained on the warranty certificate which you should have received from your dealer.

This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.

TIRE WARRANTY—John Deere warranty applies for tires available through the John Deere parts system.

For tires not available through the John Deere parts system, the tire manufacturer's warranty applicable to your machine may not apply outside the U.S. (See your John Deere dealer for specific information.)



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Safety

RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



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UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

A signal word—DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION—is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

DANGER or WARNING safety signs are located near specific hazards. General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.



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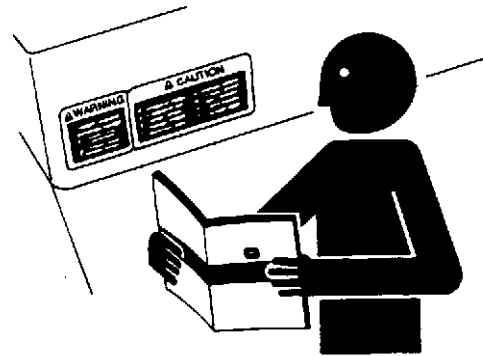
FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your machine safety signs. Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs. Be sure new equipment components and repair parts include the current safety signs. Replacement safety signs are available from your John Deere dealer.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use controls properly. Do not let anyone operate without instruction.

Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.

If you do not understand any part of this manual and need assistance, contact your John Deere dealer.



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OPEI CERTIFICATION

This OPEI Label on your mower indicates that this model has been certified by an independent laboratory for compliance with American National Standard B-71.1-1986, "Safety Specifications" for Power Lawn Mowers, Lawn and Garden Tractors, and Lawn Tractors.



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PROTECT CHILDREN

Keep children and others away when you operate machine.

BEFORE YOU BACK UP:

- STOP PTO.
- Look behind tractor for children.

Do not let children operate tractor.

Never carry children. Do not let children ride on tractor, mower, or any attachment.



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AVOID TIPPING

Do not drive where machine could slip or tip.

Stay alert for holes, rocks, and roots in terrain, and other hidden hazards. Keep away from drop-offs.

Slow down before you make a sharp turn.

Mow UP and DOWN—not ACROSS on slopes.

Use care when pulling loads or using heavy equipment:

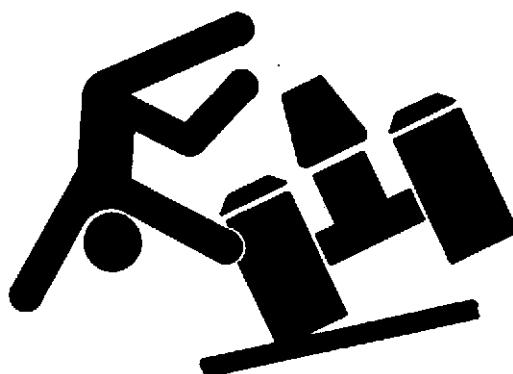
- Use only approved drawbar hitch points.
- Limit loads to those you can safely control.
- Use counterweights or wheel weights when suggested in this operator's manual.

Reduce speed and exercise extreme caution on slopes and in sharp turns to prevent tipping or loss of control. Be especially cautious when changing direction on slopes.

Do not STOP or START suddenly when going uphill or downhill.

If machine STOPS going up hill:

- STOP PTO.
- Back down slowly.



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PARK TRACTOR SAFELY

1. Move shift lever to N (NEUTRAL) position.

2. Disengage PTO's.

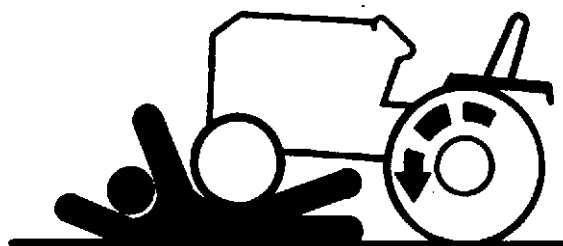
3. Lower equipment to ground.

4. Engage park brake.

5. STOP engine.

6. Remove key.

7. Before you leave operator's seat, wait for engine and attachment parts to STOP.



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KEEP RIDERS OFF MACHINE

Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.

Riders on machine are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off of the machine.

Riders also obstruct the operator's view resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.



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HANDLE FUEL SAFELY—AVOID FIRES

Handle fuel with care, it is highly flammable.

DO NOT refuel machine:

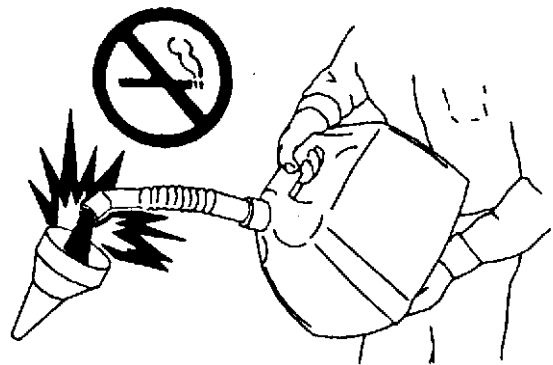
- While you smoke.
- When machine is near open flame or sparks.
- When engine is running. STOP engine.

Fill fuel tank outdoors.

Help prevent fires:

- Clean oil, grease and dirt from machine.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.

Do not store machine with fuel in tank in a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark.



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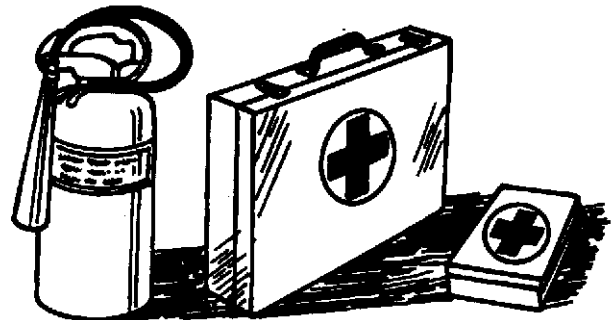
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PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

Be prepared if a fire starts.

Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy.

Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospital, and fire department near your telephone.



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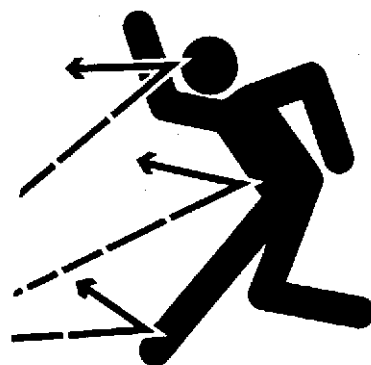
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CHECK GROUND CONDITIONS

Clear mowing area of objects that might be thrown. Keep people and pets out of mowing area.

Study mowing area. Set up safe mowing pattern. Do not mow under conditions where traction or stability is doubtful.

First, test drive area with PTO OFF and mower lowered. Slow down when you travel over rough ground.



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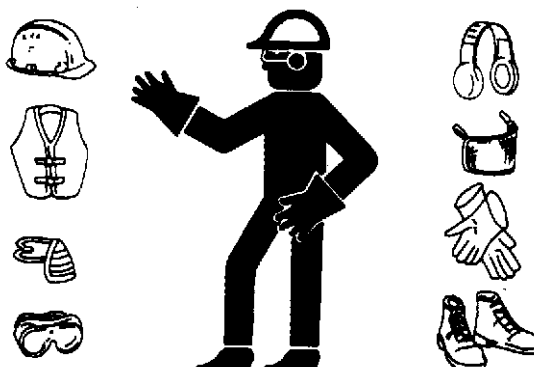
WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.

Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises.

Operating equipment safely requires the full attention of the operator. Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating machine.



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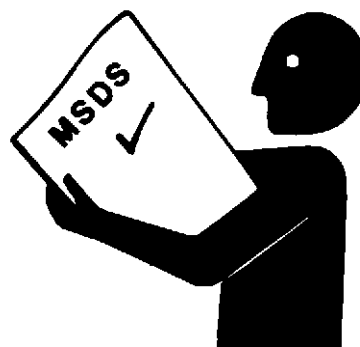
HANDLE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS SAFELY

Direct exposure to hazardous chemicals can cause serious injury. Potentially hazardous chemicals used with John Deere equipment include such items as lubricants, coolants, paints, and adhesives.

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides specific details on chemical products: physical and health hazards, safety procedures, and emergency response techniques.

Check the MSDS before you start any job using a hazardous chemical. That way you will know exactly what the risks are and how to do the job safely. Then follow procedures and recommended equipment.

(See your John Deere dealer for MSDS's on chemical products used with John Deere equipment.)



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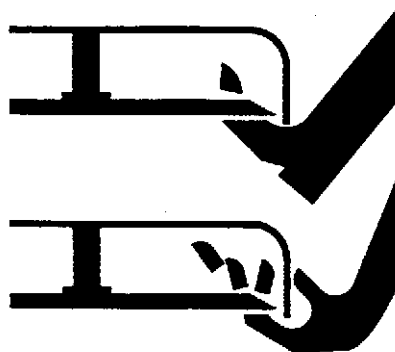
AVOID INJURY FROM CONTACTING BLADES

Before you dismount to unplug or adjust mower:

- Put shift lever in N (NEUTRAL) position.
- STOP engine.
- LOCK park brake.
- Pull PTO lever fully rearward.
- Remove key.
- Wait for mower blades to STOP.

Keep hands, feet and clothing away from mower deck when engine is running.

STOP mower blades when you are not using mower.



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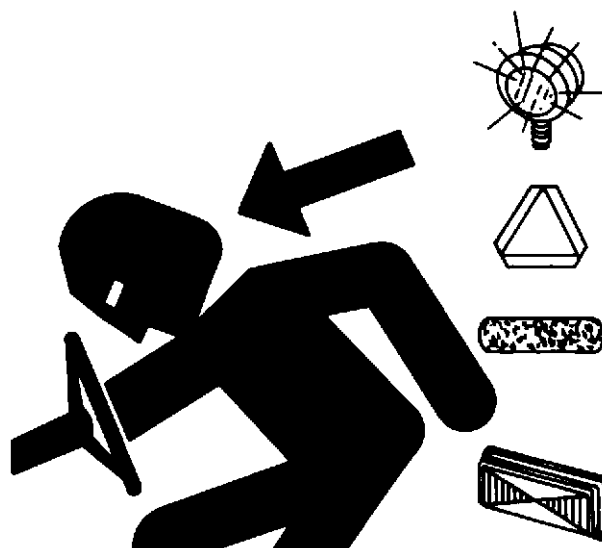
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USE SAFETY LIGHTS AND DEVICES

Slow moving tractors, self-propelled equipment and towed implements or attachments can create a hazard when driven on public roads. They are difficult to see, especially at night. Avoid personal injury or death resulting from collision with a vehicle.

Flashing warning lights and turn signals are recommended whenever driving on public roads. To increase visibility, use the lights and devices provided with your machine. For some equipment, install extra flashing warning lights.

Keep safety items in good condition. Replace missing or damaged items. An implement safety lighting kit is available from your John Deere dealer.



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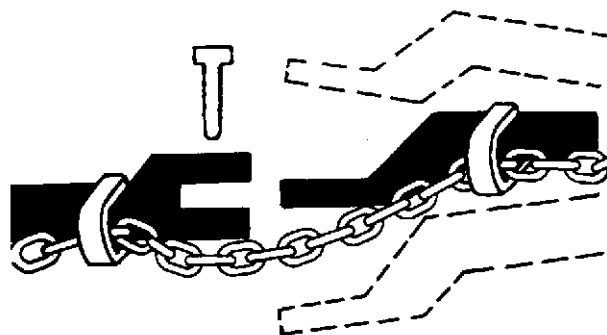
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USE A SAFETY CHAIN

A safety chain will help control drawn equipment should it accidentally separate from the drawbar.

Using the appropriate adapter parts, attach the chain to the tractor drawbar support or other specified anchor location. Provide only enough slack in the chain to permit turning.

See your John Deere dealer for a chain with a strength rating equal to or greater than the gross weight of the towed machine. Do not use safety chain for towing.



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REDUCE SPEED WHEN TOWING LOADS

Braking to stop towed loads from transport speeds can cause the towed load to swerve and upset. Reduce speed if towed load weighs more than the tractor and is not equipped with brakes.

Follow the recommended speed-weight ratio guidelines:

- Maximum speed is 20 mph (32 km/h) when towing load equal to or less in weight than the tractor.
- Reduce speed to 10 mph (16 km/h) when towing load up to double the tractor weight.
- Do not tow loads exceeding double the tractor weight.
- Use additional caution when towing loads under adverse surface conditions, when turning, and on inclines.

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