

Riding Mowers: Landscaping

- Always refer to the manufacturer's operating manual for safety precautions and potential dangers of a specific piece of mowing machinery.
- Always wear hearing and head protection.
- Inspect the mower prior to starting. Ensure the reels are sharp and secure.
- Use "3 points of contact" when mounting and dismounting mowers.
- Clear the work area of debris and objects that might be ejected by the reels.
- Mow slopes and hills diagonally rather than sideways for greater stability, unless the mower is counter-balanced.
- Reduce speed on slopes and when making sharp turns to prevent tipping or loss of control.
- Check the area for rocks, holes and other physical hazards.
- Inspect the blades and shaft if the mower runs into a rock or stump. Damaged blades can cause vibration, which can loosen the reels.
- Disengage power to attachments and stop the motor before leaving the operator's position by putting the transmission in park, setting the brake and removing the ignition key.
- Do not suddenly stop or start the mower when going up or down steep hills.
- Do not mount or dismount while the mower is running, because your toes can slip under a running mower's housing and be struck by the blades.
- Never leave a running mower unattended.
- Never transport passengers.

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