



Mowing Safety Guidelines

General Mower Operation Safety

- Thoroughly read the operator's manual before using any mowing equipment.
- Operators should receive proper training on the specific machinery they will be using. Each model may have unique controls, limitations and safety features.
- If the mower is equipped with a Roll-Over Protection System (ROPS), ensure it is in the upright position—unless operating under low-hanging obstacles. Always wear the safety belt when ROPS is engaged.
- Confirm that all operator-sensing devices are functioning properly before operating the mower. Refer to the operator's manual for clarification.
- Stop operation immediately if the mower feels unstable or if you are unsure about continuing safely.
- Understand how front or rear attachments affect the mower's stability.
- Use counterweight systems to maintain balance when operating mounted equipment.

Operating on Slopes and Uneven Terrain

- Avoid mowing slopes greater than 15 degrees unless the equipment is specifically approved for such use by the manufacturer.
- Avoid mowing wet slopes—moisture significantly increases the risk of losing traction and control.
- Maintain a minimum distance of two deck widths from any drop-offs, ditches or embankments.
- Use low gear when operating on slopes. Never shift between high and low gear while on a slope—move to level ground first.
- Stay alert for hidden hazards such as rocks, holes or uneven terrain.
- Avoid pulling loads on hills unless you are certain they can be safely controlled.
- Transport equipment with attachments lowered or close to the ground to improve stability.
- Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for mowing angles and slope limitations.
- Ensure the fuel tank is at least half full before starting work on slopes to prevent interruptions during operation.

Additional Safety Resources

AF Group is committed to helping you maintain a safe work environment. We offer:

- 24/7 access to online safety training modules for employees.
- Printable safety booklets and materials are available through our website.

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