

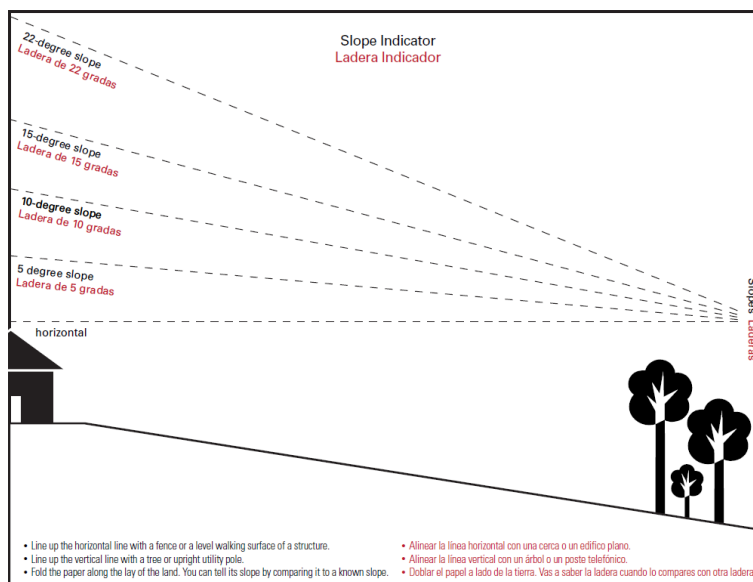
# SafetyTalk

## Topic: Mowing Safety

Riding lawn mower injuries from rollovers, striking objects and moving parts cause thousands of emergency room visits annually. The following tips are key in helping prevent these types of injuries.

### General Safety Tips

- Review user manual to understand equipment features, controls and safety features
- Operators must be trained in potential hazards of the task, equipment and required PPE
- Reduce rollover risks – avoid mowing on slopes with an angle of over 15 degrees
- Use a slope indicator, also known as a clinometer or inclinometer (refer to image)
- Maintain a safe speed, decreasing speed when going downhill or around turns
- Never leave equipment running unattended – remove keys when not in use
- Scan area before beginning to identify potentially hazardous terrain and objects such as stones, debris, etc.
- Use appropriate PPE such as safety glasses, hearing protection, work boots and safety vests
- Avoid loose fitting clothing which could be caught by moving parts
- Never reach into the discharge shoot or mower deck while the equipment is running
- Never carry passengers unless the machine is specifically designed for multiple riders



Source: <https://www.osha.gov/riding-mowers>

### Topics to Discuss

- Slope indicator and rollover risks
- Equipment maintenance schedule
- Required PPE
- Preventative maintenance programs

### Resources

For more information about this topic, visit:

- United Heartland Resource Library: [UnitedHeartland.com/resource-library](https://UnitedHeartland.com/resource-library)
- Consumer Product Safety Commission: [Mower Safety Fact Sheet](#)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration – Riding Mowers: [OSHA.gov/riding-mowers](https://OSHA.gov/riding-mowers)

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