

Roll-Over Safety for Ride-On Mowers



Always use the ROPS and seatbelt.

Public Works Departments should ensure that workers do the following:

- ✓ Always use Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) in up position.
- ✓ Always use seatbelt.
- ✓ Follow owner's manual for use of mower, including max slope, which is often 15°.
- ✓ Keep at least 5 feet away from retaining walls, embankments, culverts, and other drop-offs.
- ✓ Keep at least 5 feet away from large rocks, tree stumps, trash receptacles, and other protrusions.

“But I always thought I was safer without the seatbelt...” It's just not true.

Accident investigations by DLS, OSHA, NIOSH, and manufacturers show that the seatbelt and ROPS work together to keep you in the machine, and prevent you from getting crushed.



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