

Pointers **For Parents** **No Kids On Mowers!**

(NAPSA)—Riding mower safety is no accident. One of the first rules is no kids on mowers. Never give a child a ride on a mower, even with the blades off.

- A child may fall off or, after being given a ride, may return for another ride when you aren't



RIDING MOWER ACCIDENTS can be prevented. Never give a child a ride on a riding mower.

expecting. They can slip into the path of the mower or be seriously injured while playing behind the mower, unseen. Giving rides sends the wrong message. Tell children that riding mowers are potentially dangerous machines, not toys or rides.

- Never let children play on or around power mowers and make sure that when you use a power mower, children are inside, under adult supervision.

- Look down and behind you before and while backing up.

- Stop mowing and turn off the engine if others are near.

- Store and lock riding mowers and their keys away from children.

To learn more about riding mower safety, visit the OPEI Education and Research Foundation Web site at www.opei.org/foundation.