



Lawn Mower Safety

Child amputees say “PLAYSAFE!”

Quick Facts

- Mowing the lawn, cutting back overgrown weeds and trimming hedges are all common tasks when it comes to lawn maintenance. While taking care of the front and back yard can be a routine chore, **it is not without its dangers.**
- Every year, **The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program** enrolls kids due to lawn mower accidents that could have been prevented. A few seconds of fun in the wrong place changed their lives forever.
- Champs are passing on a potentially life or limb saving message to other kids to **spot the danger before they play.** “*Don’t let it happen to you!*”
- **Never be near lawn mowers** is one of their key messages because accidents can happen in a split second. Be aware of potential dangers to ensure that a routine chore does not become a tragic event.
- When it comes to children, accidents usually occur from **falling off a riding lawn mower, being run over because the operator does not see them, being too young to operate the machine or being hit by debris.**

About **PLAYSAFE™**

- **PLAYSAFE** was started in 1978 when it became apparent that many children enrolling in **The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program** had lost limbs in accidents while at play.
- **PLAYSAFE** is a “**kids-to-kids**” **approach** to child safety where young amputees across the country encourage children to **spot the danger before** they play by giving presentations, hosting displays and riding on the **PLAYSAFE** float in parades. Champs also deliver the message in public service announcements and videos.
- The War Amps believes no one is better qualified to deliver the **PLAYSAFE** message than child amputees, **who know what it is like to live without a limb.**

Visit waramps.ca/playsafe for information on **PLAYSAFE resources** such as videos, posters, stickers and the SAFETY WALK Kit. To arrange a **PLAYSAFE** presentation, contact playsafe@waramps.ca.

