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Extremely Tall Grass Mowing

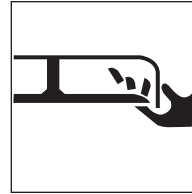
You may need to mow extremely tall, non-crop grass twice. (See page 24, **Mower-Thrown Objects**.)

First mowing pass:

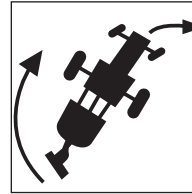
- Shut the mower and tractor down using proper equipment shut down practice before dismounting tractor. (See page 35, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices**.)
- Inspect the area and remove or mark debris and obstacles.
- Cut grass higher (10-15 inches) to avoid hidden objects.

Second mowing pass:

- Shut the mower and tractor down using proper equipment shut down practice before dismounting tractor.
- Inspect the area and remove or mark debris and obstacles.
- Cut grass at desired height and, when possible, 90 degrees to the first mowing pass.



**Stop Blade
Before
Unclogging**



**Provide Adequate
Clearance for
Mower Swing**

Watch Equipment Clearances

Three-point hitch and side-mounted mowers have a larger turning arc than pull-type mowers. Allow sufficient clearance for mower swing while turning.

Do not allow bystanders near the tractor and mower when moving or transporting the tractor and mower.

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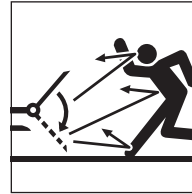
Under Mount Mower Safety Practices

When mowing with an under mount mower:

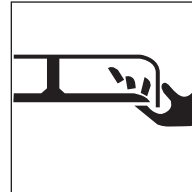
- Keep removable discharge chute in place and over discharge opening.
- Never stand on a mower housing when the tractor engine is operating.
- Distribute grass clippings with discharge chute facing mowed area.
- Before clearing a clogged mower or discharge chute, shut down your machine using proper equipment shut down practice. (See page 35, **Proper Equipment Shut Down Practices.**)



**Never Stand
on Mower –
Keep Away**



**Keep Chute
in Place**



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Before
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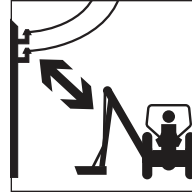
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Wing Or Boom Mower Overhead Obstruction Hazards And Risks

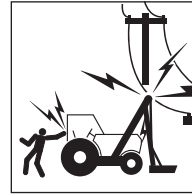
Check for overhead obstructions with raised wing or boom mowers to avoid serious injury or death by contact with:

- Electrical power lines and apparatus.
- Low tree limbs.
- Other overhead obstructions.
- Maintain specified distance from power lines and apparatus. Never approach energized power lines or apparatus with any part of your machine unless all local, state/provincial and federal (OSHA) required safety precautions have been taken. Use extreme caution.

DANGER! Avoid electrocution or serious injury from contact with or inadequate clearance to energized power lines or apparatus. **Do not allow the machine or attachment to approach or contact any power line. Do not approach or touch any machine in contact with a power line.**



**Do Not
Approach Energized
Power Lines**



**Stay Clear
of Energized
Equipment**

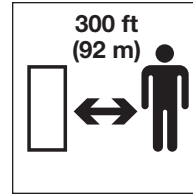
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Wing And Side Mount Mowers Safety Practices

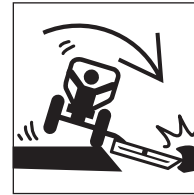
Raised wing positions reduce shielding protection and increases the thrown object and blade contact hazard risks.

Avoid possible serious injury or death by thrown objects or blade contact from raising and lowering wings during mowing operations:

- Do not mow with bystanders within 300 ft (92 m) of the mower.
- Be sure no one is near mower while raising or lowering wings.
- Shut off the PTO and wait for all rotating elements to stop before raising the mower deck or wing section.
- Only raise wing to clear objects in the mowing path or to match ground slope.
- Lower raised wing to ground after clearing object or ground slope conditions.
- Stop mowing if anyone approaches within 300 ft (92 m) of mowing area.



**Keep Bystanders
Away from
Mowing Area**



**Avoid Hitting
Obstructions**

Ditch Bank Mowing Safety Practices

Use extreme care when mowing ditch banks. Watch for washouts, eroded areas and mowing obstructions along the ditch banks. Hitting obstructions with side-mount or boom mowers may swerve the tractor's front end toward the ditch.