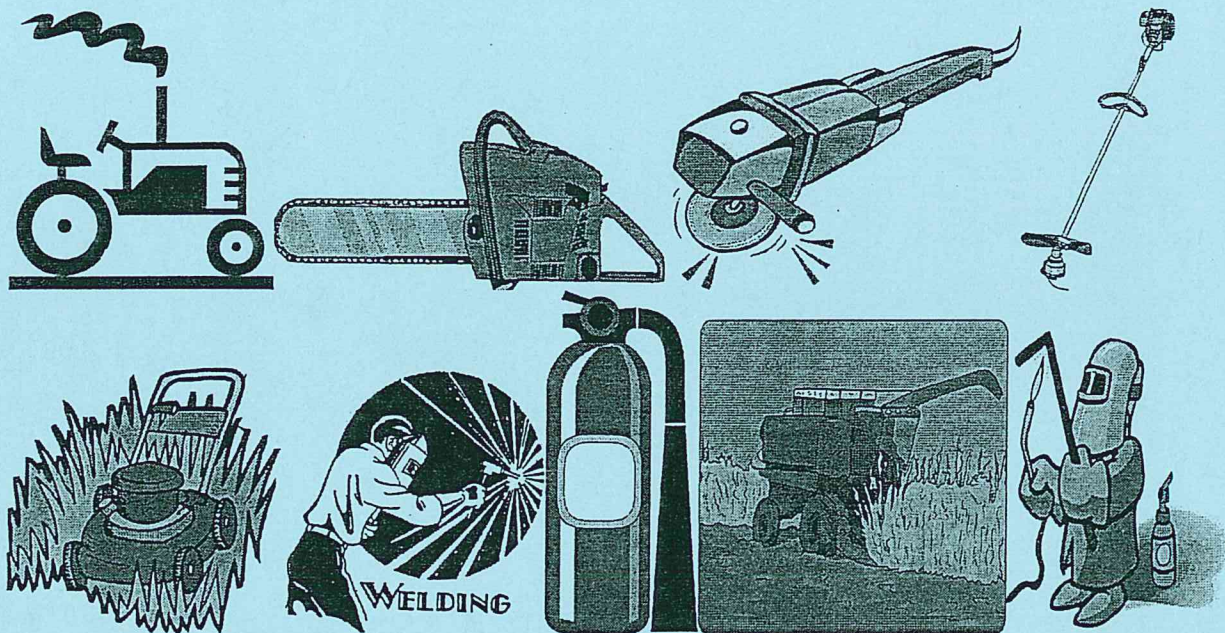


## DON'T BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE!!



## YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A MATCH TO START A FIRE!!

Every year, people trying to eliminate their fire hazards by mowing, start fires instead. Hot, dry, and windy weather are perfect conditions for a fire. Here's how to keep cool, eliminate the fire hazard and prevent a fire:

1. Mow before **10:00 AM** and after **6:00 PM**. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot to mow. **REMEMBER DON'T MOW DURING "THE HEAT OF THE DAY"**
2. Keep the exhaust system, spark arrester and mower in proper working order, and free of carbon buildup. Use the recommended grade of fuel and don't top off.
3. Avoid *striking rocks with metal blades*. A grass-hidden rock is enough to start a *fire*.
4. Keep the engine and cooling fins free of oil and dust. It reduces the chance the mower will catch fire and it will let the mower run cooler and last longer.
5. Keep the mower free of flammable materials. Check the grass outlet, around the blade, and the grass bag for obstructions.
6. **Spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline powered equipment.** (Tractors, harvesters, chain saws, and mowers)
7. **Grinding and welding operations require 10 feet of clearance and a fire extinguisher.**
8. Keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher handy. **Call 9-1-1**, in case of a fire.

**BEWARE** – Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not dry grass or weeds!



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## Keep California Fire Safe!