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*THIS SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL INDICATES IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES IN THIS MANUAL. WHEN YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL, CAREFULLY READ THE MESSAGE THAT FOLLOWS AND BE ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.*

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If Safety Decals on this machine use the words **Danger, Warning or Caution**, which are defined as follows:

- **DANGER:** Indicates an immediate hazardous situation which if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. The color associated with Danger is RED.
- **WARNING:** Indicates an potentially hazardous situation which if not avoided, will result in serious injury. The color associated with Warning is ORANGE.
- **CAUTION:** Indicates an potentially hazardous situation which if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices. The color associated with Caution is YELLOW.

If Safety Decals on this machine are ISO two panel Pictorial, decals are defined as follows:

- The first panel indicates the nature of the hazard.
- The second panel indicates the appropriate avoidance of the hazard.
- Background color is YELLOW.
- Prohibition symbols such as   and  if used, are RED.



# WARNING

IMPROPER OPERATION OF THIS MACHINE CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH. BEFORE USING THIS MACHINE, MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERY OPERATOR:

- Is instructed in safe and proper use of the machine.
- Reads and understands the Manual(s) pertaining to the machine.
- Reads and understands ALL Safety Decals on the machine.
- Clears the area of other persons.
- Learns and practices safe use of machine controls in a safe, clear area before operating this machine on a job site.

It is your responsibility to observe pertinent laws and regulations and follow Case Corporation instructions on machine operation and maintenance.



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**This Safety Alert Symbol Indicates Important Safety Messages In This Manual When You See This Symbol Carefully Read The Message That Follows and Be Alert To The Possibility Of Personal Injury Or Death**

IF THIS MACHINE IS USED BY AN EMPLOYEE OR IS LOANED OR RENTED, MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE OPERATOR(S), PRIOR TO OPERATING:

1. IS INSTRUCTED IN SAFE AND PROPER USE.
2. REVIEWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE MANUAL(S) PERTAINING TO THE MACHINE.

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**WARNING**

**BEFORE STARTING ENGINE**

STUDY OPERATOR'S MANUAL SAFETY MESSAGES  
READ ALL SAFETY SIGNS ON MACHINE  
CLEAR THE AREA OF OTHER PERSONS

**LEARN & PRACTICE SAFE USE OF  
CONTROLS BEFORE OPERATING**

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS ON MACHINE OPERATION, SERVICE, AND TO OBSERVE PERTINENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS. OPERATOR AND SERVICE MANUALS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR EQUIPMENT DEALER.

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## SAFETY RULES

The first twenty-three safety messages which follow are provided by the American National Standards Institute \* (ANSI). Safety rules to supplement those provided by ANSI also appear on the following pages.

Study these rules carefully before starting and operating your Case Lawn and Garden Tractor.

\* Rule Number 24, which does not apply to this product, has been omitted.



Separate Operator's Manuals are provided with the attachments purchased with your tractor. Refer to the appropriate attachment operators manual for specific operating instructions and safety messages that apply to the attachment.



**CAUTION:** Know the controls and how to stop quickly. **READ THE OWNER'S MANUAL.**



**CAUTION:** Do not allow children to operate the vehicle. Do not allow adults to operate it without proper instruction.



**CAUTION:** Do not carry passengers. Keep children and pets a safe distance away.



**CAUTION:** Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and thrown.



**CAUTION:** Disengage all attachment clutches and shift into neutral before attempting to start the engine (motor).



**CAUTION:** Disengage power to attachment(s) and stop the engine (motor) before leaving the operator's position.



**CAUTION:** Disengage power to attachment(s) and stop the engine (motor) before making any repairs or adjustments.



**CAUTION:** Disengage power to attachment(s) when transporting or not in use.



**CAUTION:** Take all possible precautions when leaving the vehicle unattended, such as disengaging the power take-off, lowering the attachment(s), shifting into neutral, setting the parking brake, stopping the engine, and removing the key.



**CAUTION:** Do not stop or start suddenly when going uphill or downhill. Mow down the face of steep slopes; never across or up the face. (This ANSI rule modified)



**CAUTION:** Reduce speed on the slopes and in sharp turns to prevent tipping or loss of control. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.



**CAUTION:** Stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards.



**CAUTION:** Use care when pulling loads or using heavy equipment.

- a. Use only approved drawbar hitch point.
- b. Limit loads to those you can safely control.
- c. Do not turn sharply. Use care when backing.
- d. Use counterweight(s) or wheel weights when suggested in the owner's manual.



**CAUTION:** Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.



**CAUTION:** When using any attachments, never direct discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near the vehicle while in operation.



**CAUTION:** Handle gasoline with care – it is highly flammable.

- a. Use approved gasoline container.
- b. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add gasoline to a running or hot engine, or fill the fuel tank indoors. Wipe up spilled gasoline.
- c. Open doors if the engine is run in the garage – exhaust fumes are dangerous. Do not run the engine (motor) indoors.



**CAUTION:** Keep the vehicle and attachments in good operating condition, and keep safety devices in place.



**CAUTION:** Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.



**CAUTION:** Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.



**CAUTION:** To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.





**CAUTION:** The vehicle and attachments should be stopped and inspected for damage after striking a foreign object, and the damage should be repaired before restarting and operating the equipment.



**CAUTION:** Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine.



**CAUTION:** When using the vehicle with mower, proceed as follows:

- (1) Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- (2) Never make a cutting height adjustment while the engine (motor) is running if the operator must dismount to do so.
- (3) Shut the engine (motor) off when removing the grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- (4) Check the blade mounting bolts for proper tightness at frequent intervals.



Remember, a careful operator is always the best insurance against an accident. Give complete and undivided attention to the job at hand.



**CAUTION:** Always shut off engine, remove key, set parking brake, and wait until all engine and attachment motion has stopped before dismounting from the operator's seat.



**CAUTION:** Only operate controls from the operator's seat to prevent injury.

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