

SAFE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SMALL ENGINES



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Several types of injury risks are associated with repairing and maintaining small engines. Types of injury risks include inhalation of toxic fumes, hand and finger fractures, cuts, and bruises from mechanical impacts, back injuries from improper lifting technique or lifting excessive weight, entanglement injuries from rotating parts, burns from contact with hot surfaces, and electrical shocks from energized systems or components. Most injuries experienced during small engine repair or maintenance are avoidable and frequently due to the mechanic's inexperience or improper or inattentive work practices. For

additional information about safe repair and maintenance of small engines, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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