



Information available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission indicates more than 28,000 people nationwide received hospital treatment during 2009 for unpowered garden tool injuries, including the use of rakes and shovels. Typical injuries were strains to the back, shoulder, and wrist and lacerations caused by stepping on a rake. Many of these injuries were avoidable and due to inattention or improper handling of the rake or shovel and could have been prevented by using the precautions given in this Safety Note

For additional information about the safe use of rakes and shovels, go to the Clover Safe note at:

<http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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