

1 button is pushed or not for some distance.

2 Children who are close behind this  
3 lawn mower -- which are close behind this lawn mower  
4 will continue to be cut and sometimes killed.

5 A Springfield man buys this lawn mower  
6 in 2005 and takes it home to use it in his family  
7 yard. He does not read the operator's manual. He  
8 does not pay attention to the graphics that are down  
9 here where your feet go. He levels the family yard,  
10 puts in grass, and has got, in 2006, a lawn that  
11 needs cutting.

12 So it's now May 2006. It's a nice  
13 day. Springfield family home. Family, relatives,  
14 have dinner together, and the man's wife and  
15 sister-in-law and his mother decide to go out to the  
16 movies. The older kids have other plans. The  
17 younger children are going to stay in the house and  
18 watch a movie on DVD. Still light out. The man  
19 decides to mow his lawn.

20 He leaves the children inside watching  
21 the DVD with his nine-year-old nephew in charge.  
22 He's mowing his back yard. As he comes up, he comes  
23 up to a fence. There's a fence over here. He comes  
24 up to the fence, and he needs to reposition. And  
25 according to what we're told, at least, he stops.

1 He's got his right hand on the lawn mower's steering  
2 wheel. He's looking forward. With his left hand,  
3 he's pushing the little yellow button on the dash,  
4 and we're told he starts backing up before he looks  
5 behind him.

6                   Apparently after he starts backing up,  
7 he's looking over his right shoulder, because he  
8 says shortly after he starts backing up, he sees his  
9 nephew on his right waving frantically at him with  
10 his arms. Without knowing it, the man's little  
11 two-year-old daughter has gotten out of the house to  
12 his left and come up behind the lawn mower.

13                   We're told that she tries to stand up  
14 on the back of the lawn mower -- now, this is not  
15 exactly -- this is -- I'm just trying to show kind  
16 of how that looks -- a child that tries to get on  
17 the back of a lawn mower.

18                   She cannot hold on when it starts to  
19 back up (inaudible) backed up. As you all know  
20 already, it cuts off her left leg.

21                   The little girl is Isabelle. That's  
22 what she looked like some years ago. This is  
23 Isabelle here now. She is one of about 25,000  
24 Americans who was injured by riding lawn mowers that  
25 year.