HAZARD ASSESSMENT

HIRE DEPOT

Lawn mower

IDENTIFIED HAZARD	RISK (YES / NO)	PROPOSED METHOD OF CONTROL MEASURE	ARE THE CONTROL METHODS PRACTICAL?
Persons could be injured if the operator performs duties that are not his responsibility and beyond the scope of his technical capabilities.	YES	The operator should be adequately trained or licensed. The operator must not carry out any work that is outside his normal duties and report any matters of concern to his supervisor.	YES
Persons could be injured resulting from an Explosion or fire from fuel vapours.	YES	Stop the engine before refuelling. Do not refuel while hot. Avoid spillage of fuel when refuelling. Ensure the fuel cap is properly secured after refuelling. Carry out visual inspection for fuel leaks and repair before operation. Keep flammables away from the engine. Do not smoke while operating, servicing or refuelling this machine.	YES
Persons could be injured from flying stones, sticks or other debris.	YES	Instruct the operator to ensure that the appropriate safety equipment is worn. Prepare the area, clear of any debris or obstacles. Ensure the safety guards are in place. Ensure the catcher is on/ or the catcher guard is covering the catcher opening.	YES
Persons could be injured if they come into contact with the blade during operation.	YES	The operator should keep his/her feet well clear of the lawn mower. Ensure that the appropriate safety equipment is worn. Do not place hands anywhere near the blades whilst the machine is running.	YES
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Persons could be injured if they slip, trip or fall whilst using the lawn mower.	YES	Ensure the operator only operates the machine whilst in a firm stable position. Grip the machine firmly with both hands. When not in use turn the machine off. Inspect the work area prior to commencement.	YES
Persons could be injured if the machine operator is unfamiliar with typical unsafe conditions and hazards that could affect the safe operation of the unit.	YES	The operator should be trained in determining unsafe conditions and hazards that are relative to the machine's safe operation.	YES
Persons could be injured if personal protective equipment is not available or being used when working in an unsatisfactory environment e.g. noise, heat, fumes, etc.	YES	Instruct the operator to ensure that appropriate personal protective equipment is available and is in good condition prior to commencing work. Only operate in a well ventilated area.	YES

MANDATORY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



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ear protection



