

# GENERAL SAFETY

Please read this guide carefully prior to operating equipment.

## MOST IMPORTANT –RISK ASSESS

Before you commence any work at your chosen work area, you should undertake some preliminary hazard identification and risk control precautions. Ideally more than one person should do this.

### This is undertaken by:

Physically inspecting the work site.  
Reviewing the best way / job steps required to complete the task.  
Reviewing the Safe Work information supplied with the equipment.  
Reviewing other reference documentation and expert advice.

### The hazard identification and control process steps are defined as:

Identify the hazards (e.g. 240v power drill use around wet areas)  
Assess the Risk (multiple earth paths – possible electrocution)  
Select the control measure (e.g. dries the area, use an RCD, use a cordless drill etc.)  
Re-assess the risk. (risk of electrocution now negligible) This is undertaken to ensure that the risk control measures adopted have not introduced any new risks to the work area.

## HELP

If the unit does not operate or you are unhappy with its performance, return it to our Hire depot for exchange or call for assistance. Do not attempt repairs yourself. Refer to your hire contract for contact information.

## SAFETY DO'S

**DO** take the time to read this User Guide and any other safety information provided (e.g. Decals, manufacturers instruction booklets), completely before operating any equipment.  
**DO** satisfy yourself that you have the correct machine for the job and that you are aware how to safely operate it.  
**DO** ensure you fully understand and are familiar with its operation including emergency shut off procedures.  
**DO** ensure that the equipment is assembled and used according to the manufactures and hires instruction.  
**DO** check controls and any other safety devises.  
**DO** make sure you hold a possess a Certificate of Competency issued by the Regulatory Authority where required by particular equipment.  
**DO** where possible operate in a clear work space free from non-essential persons.  
**DO** ensure that you have secure footing and clear access to the work area.  
**DO** ensure that the work area is well lit with all aspects of the job easily seen.  
**DO** ensure correct lifting techniques are used when using or transporting any machine or equipment.

## SAFETY DONT'S

**DO NOT** operate any equipment if you are tired or suffering a medical condition, or if under the influence of Alcohol or drugs which, may cause drowsiness.  
**DO NOT** hurry or take risks.  
**DO NOT** operate equipment without guards correctly fitted.  
**DO NOT** operate faulty equipment. In if doubt call your nearest Hire Depot.

# Lawn Mower Safety Instructions

Read and understand these instructions before using this equipment.

## Safety Instructions for this Equipment

- Disconnect the spark lead from the spark plug and ensure that the throttle lever is set in stop position prior to clearing or carrying out maintenance.
- Never use the mower unless the guards provided are in position.
- Prior to operating machine, inspect blades, blade bolts and cutter assembly to ensure they are not worn or damaged. Ensure the motor is clear of sticks, stones, bones, wire and debris prior to use.
- Operate only in a well ventilated area.
- Never lift or carry the mower while the engine is running. Stop the engine before pushing mower across gravel drives, walks or roads.
- Mow only in good light.
- Never cut grass by pulling the mower towards you.
- Mow across the face of a slope never up and down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction or slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
- Always turn off fuel while engine is stopped.

## Safety Equipment

The following protective equipment MUST be worn when using this equipment:

- Goggles or face shield.
- Ear muffs or ear plugs
- Dust mask if in confined area
- Sturdy footwear.

- Close fitting long sleeve shirt and long pants.

## Fuel Safety

- Do not smoke or bring any fire or flame near the fuel whilst re-fuelling or operating the machine.
- Always shut off the engine and allow it to cool before re-fuelling. Relieve fuel tank pressure by loosening the fuel cap slowly.
- Select bare ground for fuelling and move at least three metres from fuelling spot before starting engine.
- Wipe up any spilled fuel and check for leakage.
- If fuel gets spilled on clothes it is very important to change clothes immediately. Flammable quantities of fuel may stay on clothes after a spill longer than expected. Operation of machines when clothes are wet or damp from petrol is extremely dangerous as the operators clothes may catch fire and cause serious or personal injury.
- Always ensure the fuel cap is secured tightly. Check for fuel leakage while re-fuelling and during operation. If a fuel leak is suspected, do not start or run the engine until the leak is fixed and spilled fuel has been wiped away.

## General Safety

- Do not use machinery if you feel tired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Check controls for proper response. Shut down the machine if a fault is detected.
- Do not wipe plastic parts with solvents, such as petrol, thinner, alcohol and ammonia, as they will damage and crack plastic parts.
- Wipe parts with a soft cloth lightly dampened with soapy water.
- Always use the right tools. Never force a tool or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed. When using attachments, ensure they are fitted correctly and practice the operation before beginning work. Always use recommended accessories only.
- Always keep guards in place and in working

order.

- Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets or other jewellery which may get caught in the moving parts.
- Do not overreach. Ensure proper footing and balance when working with the tool.
- Always keep the work area well lighted.
- Never permit children, other people or animals to loiter near the work area.
- Do not fool around while operating, always keep the machine under control.
- Never leave a machine running while unattended.
- Do not use or continue to use faulty or damaged equipment.
- Check the condition of the machine at the end of each day and report any damage or defects.

**REMEMBER: In the event of death, serious injury or a dangerous occurrence you must notify WHSQ 1300 369 915. For further information or if in doubt over the use of this equipment, contact the supplier and ask for instructions.**

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## PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

- To be used with all equipment as required.



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