

Risk Assessment Summary Sheet

Ref 055

Activity/Workplace; Use of Strimmer

Risk Assessment						Hazard of Activity: Use of Strimmer				
Hazard	Risk	Risk Group	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating before controls	CONTROL MEASURES	Responsible Person	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating after controls
Contact with cutting cord and/or moving parts	Cuts, lacerations, amputation	Operator, other persons in the vicinity and General public	3	4	12	All equipment must be visually inspected before each use and maintained at regular intervals (as outlined in manufacturer's recommendations), this will ensure noise & vibration levels are kept to a minimum. Damaged/defective equipment must be taken out of service and labelled "DO NOT USE" until repaired. Never place hands in vicinity of cutting cords or moving parts, switch off power and isolate machine (remove spark plug connection) before attempting to unblock cutting blades. Never over reach while using machine. Always maintain secure footing and a well balanced stance. Care must be taken on slippery/wet surfaces or grass or on sloping ground. Never wear loose or baggy clothing. Always wear correct PPE including eye protection, face shields, hearing protection, safety footwear and hard hat. Always check grassed area to be cut before work commences and remove any objects that may block or entangle in the cutting blades or may become airborne during cutting, i.e. wires, cables, litter, drink cans or bottles, etc. Erect signage and exclusion zone to prevent other persons entering the work area and being exposed to the risks associated with the work activities. Never leave machines unattended. Switch off when not in use and during refuelling. Do not smoke during refuelling operation and ensure fuel is stored correctly. Exhaust gasses are poisonous. Run strimmers only in well ventilated areas. Ensure exhaust gasses are directed away from you.	operator /supervisor	1	4	4
Flying particles	Facial or eye injuries to operator or other in the vicinity		2	3	6		1	3	3	
Contact with cables, posts or wire hidden in grass	Entanglement of blades, flying particles		2	3	6		1	3	3	
Blockages/ entanglement of objects in cutting cords or moving parts	Operator coming in contact with cutting blades causing injury		2	4	8		1	4	4	
Excessive Noise	Hearing damage/ disturbance to others		2	2	4		1	2	2	
Excessive Vibration	Operator exposed to risk of HAVS		2	2	4		1	2	2	
Operator wearing loose clothing	Entanglement or drawing in or operator into moving parts causing serious injury		2	3	6		1	3	3	

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Defective Equipment	Operator exposed to risk of injury		2	4	8			1	4	4
Manual Handling	Muscle strains and sprains		2	3	6			1	3	3
Working in public areas	Members of the public exposed to risks		2	3	6			1	3	3