

Risk Assessment Summary Sheet

Ref 059

Activity/Workplace; Use of Leaf Blower

Risk Assessment						Hazard of Activity: Use of Leaf Blower				
Hazard	Risk	Risk Group	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating before controls	CONTROL MEASURES	Responsible Person	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating after controls
Flying particles, stones, dust, dog, excrement,	Facial or eye injuries to operator or other in the vicinity	Operator, other persons in the vicinity and General public	3	3	9	Always wear correct PPE including eye protection, face shields, hearing protection, safety footwear and hard hat. Erect signage and exclusion zone to prevent other people entering the work area and being exposed to the risks associated with the work activities. Maintain a safe distance from other persons when using machine. Never point or aim the machine at other persons.	operator /supervisor	1	2	2
Manual handling-poor posture	Muscle strains and sprains		3	3	9	Never engage in horse play behaviour. Never leave machines unattended.		1	2	2
Terrain – uneven/sloping ground, debris,	Trips, fall & slips injuries		3	3	9	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.		1	2	2
Excessive Noise	Hearing damage/disturbance to others		3	3	9	Ensure exhaust gasses are directed away from you. All equipment must be visually inspected before each use and maintained at regular intervals (as outlined in manufacturers recommendations), this will ensure noise & vibration level are kept to a minimum. Damaged/defective equipment must be taken out of service and labelled “DO NOT USE” until repaired.		1	2	2
Excessive Vibration	Operator exposed to risk of HAVS		3	3	9			1	2	2
Hot parts-exhaust	Burns to operator		3	4	12	Be familiar with controls of machine including emergency stop		1	4	4
Defective Equipment	Operator exposed to risk of injury		3	4	12	Never over reach while using machine. Always maintain secure footing		1	4	4
Working in public areas	Members of the public exposed to risk		3	3	9			2	2	4