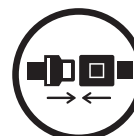




LAWN MOWER SAFETY TIPS



Be Prepared	Work Safe	Finish Right
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inspect mower: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Guards are secure – Fail-safe mechanism (dead man switch) – See company checklist ✓ Select and inspect appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hearing protection – Long pants, long-sleeved shirt – Safety glasses – Safety footwear – High visibility garment – Sun protection ✓ Plan the route: check for holes, stones, sticks, debris, stumps steep slope ✓ Use a string trimmer for ditches (not a mower) ✓ Check weather forecast ✓ Do not mow when lawn is wet and slippery ✓ Do not wear music ear buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Push, don't pull a walk-behind mower whenever possible ✓ Mow across the face of a slope with a push mower ✓ Turn off the engine and allow blades to stop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – When others approach – To cross a path – To clean grass catcher – To unclog chute ✓ For riding mowers, engage brake and remove the key to perform all other tasks ✓ Never allow passengers on ride on mowers ✓ Slopes and drop offs are dangerous. Consult instruction manual for maximum slope ✓ With a riding mower, mow up and down slopes, not across ✓ Wear a seat belt when ROP system is present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintain mower and clean as directed ✓ Fuel only when mower is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stopped and cool – Away from other sources of ignition – Outdoors ✓ Return portable fuel containers to outdoor storage area ✓ Move mower at least eight metres away from storage area before starting (to avoid igniting refueling vapours) ✓ Report any problems with equipment or PPE to your supervisor



Speak up!

If you see a hazard, let a supervisor know. Everyone plays a role in your safety and health.

HOW TO USE SAFETY CHECKS FOR WORKERS

Safety checks provide information for workers on how to work safely with specific hazards. Safety Check information can be used in orientation training, tailgate talks or even in one-one coaching. Use the following tips to help you communicate this information in your workplace:

- Use language that is consistent with the workplace
- Consider the work you do and specific examples of how these hazards can result in injury or illness
- Explain how the safe work practices will help prevent injury and illness
- Wherever possible, use the actual tools, equipment, materials and PPE to demonstrate proper use
- Ask specific questions during your talk to check understanding
- Keep a record of each talk that you deliver (see the form below)
- Post a copy of the Safety Check for workers to reference



OWNERS AND SUPERVISORS

Have you taken reasonable measures to control this hazard using the hierarchy of controls?

- **Purchasing** equipment suitable for the terrain, with roll over protective structures (tractors over 20 hp require ROPS)
- **Ensuring** safeguards are **tested** and **working**
- **Following** manufacturer's instructions for operation
- **Inspecting** and **maintaining** equipment and blades
- **Training** on safe operation and working on slopes
- **Implementing** and **enforcing** a PPE program

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Safety Check Session Leader: _____

Learner Name (Please print)	Signature

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