

## Riding Mower Operation

Facility:	Written By:	Approved By:	Date Created:	Date of Last Revision

Hazards Present:	PPE or Devices Required:	Additional Training Required:
Awkward postures – sustained sitting with poor posture	Eye protection if Mowing by low branches	
Noise form Machine	Closed toe footwear	
Rotating Blades	Hearing Protection	

### Safe Work Procedure:

- 1) Ensure all shields and guards including discharge deflector are in place and working properly.
- 2) Never make modifications or disconnect safety features
- 3) Avoid unnecessary engine idling in enclosed spaces such as sheds or garages
- 4) Avoid mowing areas close to where people are present
- 5) Disengage blades if you must drive over very rough surfaces or dust producing surfaces such as gravel
- 6) Make best efforts to inspect/clear the area to be mowed of any debris which could be thrown from the blades. Check for hidden hazards such as holes, roots, drain pipes, toys, insect nests or other farm implements. Be aware and use caution around low hanging branches and shrubs
- 7) Drive up and down slopes rather than across them to reduce the risk for tipping
- 8) Only reach under the machine or deck when the tractor is turned off and the key is removed. Wear work gloves if reaching under to pull debris from deck
- 9) Do not touch hot motor parts or spray cold water on a hot engine
- 10) Do not make wheel height adjustments, unclog, remove grass catcher, or refuel while the engine is running
- 11) Do not take passengers
- 12) Do not leave a running mower unattended
- 13) Refuel in a well-ventilated area
- 14) When leaving the machine:
- 15) Disengage power to the blade
- 16) Stop the engine
- 17) Set park brake if equipped
- 18) Remove key and return it to the designated area

***If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, engage the emergency stop and follow the lock out procedure***  
**REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS TO YOUR SUPERVISOR**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guidance Documents/Standards:</b></p> <p>MB Workplace Safety &amp; Health Act &amp; Regulations:</p> <p>6 Personal Protective Equipment          16 Machine, Tools and Robots          22 Powered Mobile Equipment</p>	<p>This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years</p> <p>Reviewed By WSH Committee:</p> <p>Date:</p>
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