

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Small Engine Equipment
GENERAL	Small engine equipment is used regularly to perform a multitude of tasks. Special care must be taken to protect workers and the public from hazards that are created by these machines.
APPLICATION	The following rules and procedures apply when using small engine equipment.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe Work Procedure PPE as per company or site requirements
SELECTION AND USE	As per Safe Work Procedure
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	To facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Always read manufacturers operations guide prior to using the equipment. 2) Know how to shut down an engine immediately in case of an emergency. 3) Always inspect general condition of the machine before use. 4) Ensure that the piece of equipment has all safety shields and protectors in place before starting. 5) Ensure the piece of equipment has been filled with the correct fuel. 6) Do not fuel hot engine – let cool for at least 5 minutes. 7) Do not adjust weed eater, tines on rototiller, volute on a pump or internal parts on a generator with engine running. 8) Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment for that piece of equipment. 9) Inspect the area you are working for potential hazardous obstacles & people who may be in a dangerous area. 10) When transporting a piece of equipment between sites, always ensure that it has been securely stored on the vehicle or trailer. 11) Always clean and complete prescribed maintenance program for a given piece of equipment. 12) Report any damage or mechanical problems to management and/or the staff mechanic. 13) Report any incidents ASAP.

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