

**SAFE WORK PRACTICE**

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| <b>TITLE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Use Of Power Mowers (Gasoline)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>GENERAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Protecting workers from injuries associated with the operation of power mowers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>APPLICATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Power mowers are integral part of landscaping industry and must be operated by trained workers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Safe work procedure<br>Manufacturers specifications PPE<br>ERP (Emergency Response Plan)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SELECTION AND USE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | As per safe work procedure<br>Manufacturers specifications<br>Provincial OH&S Legislation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training Hazard Assessment<br>Worksite inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>WORKER RESPONSIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Know your controls.</li> <li>2. Ensure the area is clear of sticks, stones, wire and debris.</li> <li>3. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.</li> <li>4. Do not leave running mower unattended.</li> <li>5. Do not operate engine where carbon monoxide fumes can collect.</li> <li>6. Properly maintain the mower.</li> <li>7. Ensure engine is stopped before pushing mower across drives, walks, or roads.</li> <li>8. Wear required PPE when operating mowers.</li> <li>9. No footwear which can cause slips is to be used.</li> <li>10. Protection to be used on skin when mowing during sunny conditions.</li> <li>11. Follow power mower safe work procedure step by step.</li> </ol> |
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