



Hazards	cuts from blades, catching fingers, clothing or jewelry in pinch points or wrap points, burns from hot points, cuts, abrasions, bruises from being struck with projectiles to eyes, face or exposed skin, fire and spills from refueling, prolonged noise exposure.
Tools/Equipment	
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Grounds & Transportation

Required PPE:



Safety Shoes



Ear
Protection



Eye
Protection

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

- Do not perform the procedure or operate the equipment until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.
- Inspect required personal protective equipment (PPE) and replace if required.
- Make sure you are familiar with the mower and its safe use.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing, dangling jewelry, etc.

PROCEDURE

1. Check that the mower is in good operating order. Make sure blades are sharp, the mower is running smoothly, the auto-switch mechanism is working correctly, and the safety guards are in place.
2. Check the worksite. Remove debris, look for holes, and check slopes and ground quality.
3. Ensure the transmission is out of gear and disengage the mower blade clutch before starting.
4. Mow across any slopes. Your feet are less likely to slide under the mower and the mower cannot roll back on you.
5. Always push mower forward. Do not pull towards your feet.
6. Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts and hot points.
7. If the blade hits a hard object, stop the mower immediately, inspect the blade and make any necessary repairs before continuing.
8. To unclog grass from discharge chute, turn the mower off and use a stick or tool – keep your hands away.
9. Always shut down safely – stop on level ground and disengage power to the mower.
10. To clean the underside of the mower, make sure the motor is shut off, the blade has stopped rotating, and the spark plug wire is disconnected.

NOTE: All PPE, tools and equipment shall be used in accordance with provincial OH&S legislation, manufacturer's specifications, applicable standards and codes of practice.