

GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

ACTIVITY COVERED:	GRASS CUTTING (excluding ride on mowers)		
Reference No:	2	Version:	1.0

GENERAL HAZARDS	Risk Rating			Who at Risk	
	Low	Med	High	Emp	MoP
Stones & foreign objects thrown up during operation		/			
Terrain – potholes, slopes, banks, etc		/			
Weather – wet (flooding & slippery), sun (skin)	/				
Noise from machinery	/				
Electricity (electrical powered machines)	/				
Fire (petrol powered machines)		/			
Manual handling	/				
Hygiene	/				

PRIMARY LEGISLATION/REFERENCES:
Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978
Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (NI) 2000
Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (NI) 1999
Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations (NI) 1993

CONTROL MEASURES	Check
PLANNING:	
H&S issues included in procurement process i.e. noise, vibration, manual handling, etc	
All equipment subject to a formalised maintenance and inspection regime	
PPE requirements assessed and relevant PPE procured as required	
Fault reporting system implemented	
Access to/arrangements for suitable and sufficient welfare facilities	
PHYSICAL:	
Operators issued with relevant PPE and required to wear such when working – particularly ear protection	
Banks/slopes subject to individual assessment	
RCD's deployed where electrical equipment is used, and tested before each use	
Equipment to be disabled/isolated before any attempts at adjustment/repair/cleaning	
On no account are safety handles (dead mans handles) ever disabled	
All applicable guards are to be fitted whenever in operation	
Any manual handling of equipment, i.e. on/off vans, between levels, etc., to be carried out by required number of persons (normal minimum is two)	
Grass cuttings, etc., to be disposed of safely, not on paths, etc., which may cause a trip/slip hazard	
Refuelling, where applicable, to be carried out in a safe area, with the equipment switched off and cool, and as per filling instructions.	
Fuel only to be carried in approved containers	
MANAGERIAL/SUPERVISORY:	
Any reported faults to be actioned immediately and, where applicable, equipment to be taken out of service and/or isolated	
Line Managers/Supervisors to be constantly vigilant for correct procedures and wearing of PPE	
Line managers to ensure maintenance/inspection procedures are strictly adhered to	
TRAINING:	
All operatives to be trained to use equipment and in any associated tasks such as manual handling, fuel storage, etc	

SITE/TASK SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT

On each site the generic risk assessment must be validated by reviewing the specific aspects/circumstances

SITE LOCATION/SPECIFIC TASK:	
Max number of people involved in activity:	
Frequency and duration of activity:	

Additional hazards identified (whether site or activity orientated):

Additional control measures required:	Who to action and by when:

Assessment of remaining risks:	Low	Medium	High

Circumstances which may require additional information:
<p>a. Extreme weather conditions (hot, cold and/or wet, windy)</p> <p>b. Slopes, banks and/or rough terrain should be subject to individual assessments</p>

Circulation of risk assessment:					
Operative:		Manager/supervisor:		Other:	

Assessment completed by:					
Name:		Date:		Signature:	

Review record:					
Next review due:		Reviewed by:		Date:	
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This risk assessment must be reviewed regularly, where any significant changes are made, where any new equipment is introduced, or if there is any reason to suspect it is no longer valid.