FAQ – Bush Cutter Use

What Personal Protective Equipment is required?
When operating this equipment wear:
• Hearing protection ear muffs or ear plugs
• Safety glasses or face screen with prescription glasses
• Snug fitting and durable clothing, jean or long pants no shorts or cut-offs
• Heavy duty non-slip gloves
• Safety boots
• Do not wear clothing/items that could get caught in equipment

What should I do prior to operating?
• Prior to operating any equipment review the operator’s manual to familiarize yourself with the equipment.
• Inspect the equipment as outlined in operator’s manual including the following:
  • Check tires and tire pressure
  • Check blades for wear or damage
  • Clean debris from under machine
  • Check for loose fasteners

How do I safely operate the equipment?
• Check working area for debris such as stones, glass or other materials.
• Identify fixed objects that need to be avoided ie sprinkler heads
• Ensure that operator presence control is functional.
• Ensure all shields, covers and guards are in place
• Do not leave equipment operating unattended
• Do not park on a steep grade or slope
• Do not operate without guards in place
• Do not operate on slopes greater that specified in the manual
• Do not operate on wet grass
• Stop blade when crossing roads or walkways
• Remove spark plug with servicing or cleaning

How do I safely add fuel?
When adding fuel observe the following
• If required mix fuel and oil as per operator’s manual.
• Always mix fuel outdoors
• Always shut off the motor
• Let the motor cool before adding fuel
• Do not smoke or place hot objects near fuel
• Open fuel cap slowly to release pressure gently
• Tighten fuel cap carefully after refueling
• Move the machine away from the area of refueling before trying to restart.
• If fuel is spilled on machine, wipe up the spillage and allow for the remaining fuel to evaporate
• If fuel is spilled on your clothes change your clothing and wash any parts of your body that has come in contact with the fuel
• If fuel is leaking from the machine remove from use until repaired.

What are some of the hazards?
• Wearing loose clothing that could result in getting caught in moving parts
• Hearing loss by failing to wear hearing protection properly
• Suffering eye of face injury from not using eye and face protection
• Being stuck in the arms or legs by thrown debris when wearing shorts
• Being struck by machine due to roll over caused by wheel drop off or loss of control

What if I have other concerns?
If you have any concerns or questions speak to your:
1. Supervisor,
2. Health and safety representative, or
3. Contact EHS

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