

## 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 than 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 or 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