

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?

- Inspect area where equipment is being used remove all obstructions.
- Verify that the operator presence controls, safety switches, guards and shields are attached and functional
- Stop the machine, stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and raise the blades when leaving the controls
- Stop the machine, stop the engine, and inspect blades after striking an object or if abnormal vibrations occur.
- Keep hands and feet out of blade area
- Be alert and slow down when making turns
- Use caution when turning machine.
- Do not operate near drop offs, ditches or steep banks – wheel drop could cause rollovers.

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
- Loss of control resulting in a roll over due to wet surfaces on slopes

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