

## Safe Work Practice – Use of Weed Eaters

## SWP-007

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### GENERAL:

To ensure that Diversified Staffing employees are protected from the hazards associated with the use of weed eaters.

### PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Part 18 OH&S Code
- As per manufacturer instructions
- Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

### SELECTION AND USE:

- Follow manufacturers safe job procedures
- Manufacturers specifications
- OH&S Legislation

### SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY:

- To facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
- Selection of Equipment
- Hazard Assessment
- Work Site Inspection

### WORKER RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Complete a hazard assessment prior to beginning work.
2. Ensure the right mix of fuel is used.
3. Ensure the string is installed correctly before starting.
4. Check fuel.
5. Shut down equipment when refuelling or servicing.
6. Ensure that string mechanism is away from you and all others before starting.
7. Ensure string does not hit fences, trees or rocks.
8. Ensure guards and protective devices are in place.
9. Follow *Working Alone* policy when applicable.
10. Use Proper PPE as per manufacturer's specifications.
11. Follow weed eating safe work procedure step by step.

### NOTE:

- All PPE must be inspected prior to use.
- All equipment must be inspected prior to use.

**\*The information contained within this document does not take precedence over Occupational Health and Safety legislation. All employees should be familiar with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and the *Regulations*.**

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