

Safe Work Practice – Use of Power Mowers (Gasoline) SWP-006

Preparation: Safety Specialist	Approval Authority: Senior Management	Issuing Dept: Safety
--------------------------------	---------------------------------------	----------------------

GENERAL:

To ensure that Diversified Staffing employees are protected from the hazards associated when using power mowers.

PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS:

- Safe Work Practice (SWP)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Part 18 OH&S Code
- Manufacturers specifications
- As per manufacturer instructions
- Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

SELECTION AND USE:

- Safe work practice

SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY:

Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Know your controls.
2. Ensure the area is clear of sticks, stones, wire and debris.
3. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.
4. Do not leave running mower unattended.
5. Do not operate engine where carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
6. Properly maintain the mower.
7. Ensure engine is stopped before pushing mower across drives, walks, or roads.
8. Wear required PPE when operating mowers.
9. No footwear which can cause slips is to be used.
10. Protection to be used on skin when mowing during sunny conditions.
11. Follow power mower safe work procedure step by step.

NOTES:

- All PPE 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*.**

Controlled by: Safety Specialist	Revised: March 3, 2018	Approved by: Senior Management	Path: P:\Corporate\Safety Docs\Safe Work Practices (SWP's)
-------------------------------------	---------------------------	-----------------------------------	---