

## **LAWN MOWER SAFE WORK PRACTICES**

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Lawnmowers both riding & push variety are gasoline powered. Workers must be trained in safe lawnmower use before using..

### **A. Lawnmower safe work practices(riding & push mowers)**

The following safe work practices must be followed when working with a lawnmower:

- a. Inspect the lawnmower before starting it or using it
- b. **Do not** use a damaged lawnmower
- c. Understand the controls before starting a lawnmower
- d. Use the correct, manufacturer recommended, methods of starting,, transporting, storing, and using the lawnmower
- e. Before doing any maintenance disconnect the ignition.
- f. Check worksite for debris, obstacles & people or anything that might get thrown from blades.
- g. Do not place hands near moving parts until the machine is shut off. Know the hot spots to avoid burns.
- h. Make sure you are not fatigued or under the influence of drugs that make you drowsy.
- i. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry while running a mower.
- j. Wear hearing protection and safety eyewear.
- k. Disengage blade when going over walkways or pavement.

### **B. Fueling a lawnmower**

- a. Do not fuel a lawnmower when it is running or hot
- b. Store fuel in an approved container
- c. Use a funnel when refueling a lawnmower
- d. Wipe off spilled fuel. Do not start the mower until fumes have dissipated
- e. Stay away from any kind of ignition sources when fuelling a lawnmower
- f. Place fire extinguisher nearby when fuelling a lawnmower

### **C. Riding mowers**

- a. When inspecting the work site look for areas of possible roll overs like slopes, holes, ditches, etc.
- b. At all times watch for people.
- c. Look behind if backing up.
- d. Do not carry passengers.
- e. Work only in daylight hours.
- f. Shut everything down if you intend to get off.



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g. On slopes don't mow if you feel uncomfortable or if it is wet or slippery

**D. Push mowers**

- a. Caution if mowing up a hill.
- b. Push only forward never backward toward your feet.

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