



Hazards	cuts from blades, catching fingers, clothing or jewelry at pinch points, overexertion, injuries from repetitive use, burns from hot points, fire and spills when refueling, prolonged noise exposure
Tools/Equipment	
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Grounds & Transportation

Required PPE:



Safety Shoes



Ear Protection



Eye Protection



Gloves

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

- Do not perform the procedure or operate the equipment until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.
- Inspect required personal protective equipment (PPE) and replace if required.
- Make sure you are familiar with the hedge trimmer and its safe use.
- Make sure you are alert – not fatigued or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing, dangling jewelry, etc.

PROCEDURE

1. Check the worksite. Remove debris, look for holes and check slopes and ground quality.
2. Look to see if anyone else is in or around the work area. Never assume people will stay where you last saw them.
3. Ensure good footing and balance while operating the trimmer.
4. Wear shoulder strap.
5. Adjust the harness and hand grips to suit your build and work positions.
6. Use equipment at ground level only.
7. Stop the motor before putting down the trimmer or if anyone enters the immediate work area.
8. Refuel outdoors on ground.
9. Extinguish all ignition sources (for example, cigarettes).
10. Never overfill tank.

NOTE: All PPE, tools and equipment shall be used in accordance with provincial OH&S legislation, manufacturer's specifications, applicable standards and codes of practice.