



Hazards	cuts from string, flying debris and projectiles, prolonged noise exposure, muscle strain from holding equipment in an awkward position for long periods of time, fire and spills when refueling.
Tools/Equipment	line for trimmer, fuel
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 string 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.

PROCEDURES

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. Use extreme care when approaching blind corners, trees or other visual obstacles.
3. Ensure good footing and balance while operating the trimmer.
4. Keep the cutter (string) guard in place.
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 (not on grass).
9. Allow the engine to cool briefly before refueling.
10. Extinguish all ignition sources (for example, cigarettes).
11. 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.