



Safety Rules: Ride-On Mower Operation

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Purpose

This document outlines the rules for the safe operation of ride-on mowers.

Scope

This document applies to all ground/maintenance workers.

Training

Supervisors shall arrange for operators to be trained in the operation by a person experienced in ride-on mower usage and with reference to the Manufacturer's Instruction booklet.

Rules

1. Operators **must follow the operating procedures outlined in the Manufacturer's information booklet.** The Manufacturer's Instructions must be kept with the equipment.
2. The operator must ensure there are no persons or public property that may be hit by flying debris, sticks, stones, wire etc.
3. Operator to inspect area to be cleared, identify any potential hazards or obstacles, remove any potential projectiles (eg rocks), and if required the work area must be cordoned off and members of the public kept clear.
4. Personal protective equipment to be worn: long pants, long sleeved shirt, Safety boots, Eye protection, Ear protection and Sun protection.
5. The Ride-on mower and its associated implements are to be inspected before every use and maintained to manufacturer's specifications. It must also be cleaned and inspected at the end of every use.
6. A First Aid kit should be kept in close proximity of operations.
7. Slopes / hills can present a high risk of rollover for ride-on mowers. If the property includes slopes / hills, consult the manufacturer's instruction booklet to determine the gradient the mower can safely negotiate and the recommended approach, including when to use 4WD. If the slope / hill is steep, a push mower must be used.
8. Ride-on mower operations should cease if conditions become dangerous i.e. (Slippery or windy).
9. Remain vigilant for people in the mowing area at all times. Remember, the noise and use of hearing protection means you will not hear them. You must continually look all around you to ensure there are no people at risk of being hit by the mower, even if the area has been cordoned off.