



## Safety Rules: Tractor Operation

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### Purpose

This document outlines the rules for the safe operation of tractors and attached implements.

### Scope

This document applies to all ground/maintenance workers trained to operate tractors.

### Training

Operators must possess the TAFE Tractor Operation certificate.

### 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. Only tractors with roll-over protection may be used.
3. Operator to inspect area to be worked in, 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. When used for mowing/slashing the operator must ensure there are no persons or public property that may be hit by flying debris, sticks, stones, wire etc.
5. Personal protective equipment to be worn: long pants, long sleeves, Safety boots, Eye protection, Ear protection Operators must follow the operating procedures outlined in the Manufacturer's information booklet.
6. The Tractor and its associated implements are to be inspected before every use and maintained to manufacturer's specification. It must also be cleaned and inspected at the end of every use.
7. Where possible, a First Aid kit should be carried in the Tractor at all times.
8. Slopes / hills can present a high risk of rollover tractors. If the property includes slopes / hills, consult the manufacturer's instruction booklet to determine the gradient the tractor can safely negotiate and the recommended approach. Do not use the tractor on slopes greater than the acceptable gradient. If pulling a trailer, factor this into your considerations.
9. Tractor operations should cease if conditions become dangerous (slippery or windy).
10. Remain vigilant for people in the area of operation 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 tractor, even if the area has been cordoned off.