



Safety Rules: Whipper Snipper

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Purpose

This document outlines the rules for the safe operation of whipper snippers.

Scope

This document applies to all ground/maintenance workers required to use whipper snippers.

Training

Supervisors shall arrange for workers to be trained in the safe and correct operation by a person experienced in whipper sniper usage and with reference to the Manufacturer's Instruction booklet.

Rules

1. Operators **must follow the operating procedures outlined in the Manufacturer's instruction 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.
3. Operator to inspect area to be cleared, any potential projectiles (eg rocks) removed, and if required the work area must be cordoned off and members of the public kept clear.
4. PPE to be worn: long pants, long sleeved shirt, Safety boots, Eye protection, Face protection, Ear protection and sun protection.
5. Equipment is to be inspected before every use and maintained to manufacturer's specification.
6. A First Aid kit should be kept in close proximity of operations.
7. Use appropriate manual handling techniques – do not bend and twist the back, use the legs. Take regular rest breaks. Remember, vibration can also cause manual handling injuries.
8. Operators must follow the operating procedures outlined in the Manufacturer's information booklet.
9. The operator must ensure there are no persons or public property that may be hit by flying debris.

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