

<b>Post(s)/Job Title(s)</b>	Relevant staff	<b>Number of People Involved</b>	11-20	<b>Assessors Name(s):</b>	RR MS	
<b>Activity Reviewed</b>	Using Long Arm/ Pole Hedge Trimmers	<b>Frequency of Operation</b>	Monthly	<b>Assessors Signature:</b>		
<b>Section:</b>	<b>Relevant teams</b>	<b>From:</b>	May	<b>Assessors post title:</b>		
<b>Location:</b>	All Parks sites	<b>To:</b>	October	<b>Ref No &amp; Version</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>At Risk</b>	Operators/Staff	Buildings	<b>Risk rating</b>	<b>Date completed</b>	25 November 2014	
	Public		<b>Low</b>	<b>Review Date-Months</b>	12	25/11/2015
<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Description of risk</b>	<b>Existing controls in place</b>			<b>Further Action needed</b>	
Working above head height	Handling pole and using blade above head height causing - lifting, bending, twisting, leaning and carrying. Sliding, tripping, falling causing – muscular / tendon skeletal damage to operator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All staff trained in manual handling and safe lifting techniques. Use mechanical means where appropriate. Obtain assistance if necessary</li> </ul>				
Falling branches/hedge clippings	Falling objects, branches & debris causing eye, body and skin damage,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wear PPE - safety hats and eye protection</li> <li>■ A safe working distance between the operation and members of the public and colleagues must be maintained at all times.</li> </ul>				
Using Machinery	Loose clothing. getting entangled in moving parts causing - bodily damage to the operator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Staff trained in the safe use of machines</li> </ul>				

	Entrapment and entanglement causing - laceration, bodily injury to the operator and others. Muscular and skeletal damage, amputation to the operator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If staff have doubts about safety of a machine, they are not to use it and to immediately inform their supervisor.</li> </ul>	
Using hedgecutters	Cutting blade(s) causing - entanglement, amputation, sever cuts, crushing and laceration to hands and body when setting, adjusting or un-blocking during grass cutting operations	All hedgecutter operators must be trained and skills tested in the technical and safety operations of this equipment including manual handling e.g. loading / unloading from vehicles and the handling and disposal of collected cuttings by a competent trainer(s) assessor(s) together with a basic health and safety course. All such training must be recorded on individual operator training records.	
Contact With Solid Objects	Blade jumping or jamming on wire etc. causing - cuts, laceration, puncture and bruising		
Compounds And Dusts	Exposure to dust from dry grass, hedge clippings, woodchips etc., may irritate eyes or sensitive skin, or short-term irritation of respiratory system or allergic reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Water supply nearby to wash dust off skin.</li> <li>■ Operators wear eye protection in dusty conditions,</li> <li>■ Gloves and barrier creams available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No further action needed at this stage.</li> </ul>
Cutting Blades	Cutting blade(s) causing - entanglement, amputation, sever cuts, crushing and laceration to hands and body when setting, adjusting or un-blocking during grass cutting operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Guards inspected regularly and maintained as necessary to ensure their good condition. Staff monitored by manager to ensure guards always used. PPE available and worn</li> </ul>	
Entanglement	Loose clothing. getting entangled in moving parts causing - bodily damage to the operator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Guards inspected regularly and maintained as necessary to ensure their good condition. Staff monitored by manager to ensure guards always used. PPE available and worn</li> </ul>	

Excessive Exposure To Noise	Noise emissions from hand held tools e.g. Hedge trimmers, Strimmers, Pedestrian operated mowers, Pedestrian Aerators, Edgers, Drills Percussion tools etc. causing - work related hearing damage causing - accumulative irrevocable loss of hearing and ringing in the ears.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mandatory stickers on machines; safe working distances (5m min) from 'stickered' machinery; purchase 'lowest noise level' machinery; task 'broken up' to minimise exposure; machine maintenance; use PPE/ear defenders are supplied and worn</li> </ul>	
Re-Fuelling Equipment	Ignition of petrol/Diesel fumes by contact with hot equipment. Causing fire resulting in burns, suffocation and equipment damage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Fire extinguishers supplied on site and in vehicles. All employees briefed on emergency procedures</li> </ul>	
Manual Handling	Refer to no.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■</li> </ul>	
Exposure to Disease And Infection	Exposure to animal excretions and plant toxins:-Toxocara canis from dog faeces. Leptospirosis from rat urine. Plant photosensitivity e.g. Hog weed sap. Bee / wasp nests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Always carry out good hygiene practices e.g. washing hands after work and before eating, drinking and smoking in order to avoid infection e.g. Toxicariasis and Leptospirosis.</li> <li>■ Teams should have access to first aid kits and washing or wipe facilities.</li> </ul>	
Slips And Falls	Slips and falls causing - operator muscular, skeletal or tendon damage cuts and bruises. To operator and members of the public and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Safe route to workplace agreed with contractors working on site.</li> <li>■ Suitable footwear to be supplied and worn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Site specific RA where necessary</li> </ul>
Hot surfaces	Equipment emissions causing - burns from heated surfaces of the engine. Fuelling equipment causing - splashes and burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ PPE. Awareness by operator of hot surfaces on engines and exhausts</li> </ul>	
Noise	Refer to no.08		

Vibration	Refer to no.09		
Young Persons at Work	Refer to no.02		
Agency Workers	Refer to no.03		
Weather	Refer to no.04		
Working in Public areas	Refer to no.05		
Working in schools	Refer to no.16		
<b>Site specific comments</b>			