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| Post(s)/Job Title(s) | Grass Cutting Operatives | Number of People Involved | >20 | Assessors Name(s): | RR MS |
| Activity Reviewed | Mowing - Ride on Sloping | Frequency of Operation | Weekly | Assessors Signature: | |
| Section: | All Sections | From: | April | Assessors post title: | |
| Location: | Clandown A267 | To: | September | Ref No & Version | 57 |
| At Risk | Operators | | Risk rating | Date completed | 25 November 2014 |
| | Public | | Medium | Review Date-Months | 6 25/05/2015 |
| Hazards | Description of risk | Existing controls in place | | Further Action needed | |
| Machinery | Contact with blade(s) causing - amputation, sever cuts, crushing and laceration to - operators hands and body when setting, adjusting or un-blocking cylinders. | ■ | 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 | ■ | Maintain up to date NPTC competencies. Maintain safety PPE |
| Manual Handling | Lifting, bending, twisting, leaning and carrying. Sliding, tripping, falling causing - operator muscular strain / skeletal damage | ■ | All staff trained in manual handling and safe lifting techniques. Use mechanical means where appropriate. Obtain assistance if necessary | | |
| Vibration | Equipment emissions causing hand arm vibration. If constant exposure, is likely to exceed 5m/s/s per day then - Management is required. | ■ | Equipment used within agreed limits. | ■ | Carry out vibration tests on all relevant equipment and colour code |

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| <p>Noise</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>■ 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</p> | <p>■ Monitor noise levels and maintain active health surveillance. Equipment emissions causing - hearing damage. Constant exposure will exceed 87dB(A) per day</p> |
| <p>Disease and Infection</p> | <p>Exposure to animal excretions and plant toxins:-Toxicariasis from dog faeces. Leptospirosis from rat urine. Plant photosensitivity e.g. Hog weed sap. Bee / wasp nests</p> | <p>■ 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. Teams should have access to first aid kits and washing or wipe facilities.</p> | |
| <p>Fire</p> | <p>Burns; explosions; spreading to other sites; inhalation of fumes; visibility on highways; nuisance factors</p> | <p>■ Avoid fires by re-cycling; careful choice of site; monitor wind; stand up-wind; keep flammable liquids minimum of 5m away; place material gently to avoid sparks; advise Site Manager /Neighbours of intent</p> | |
| <p>Working Alone</p> | <p>Lack of communication causing - inability to report or receive assistance for emergency situations and injury to operator and others. Stress caused by working alone without adequate information training or supervision. Undiscovered unconsciousness caused</p> | <p>■ If working alone staff make manager aware of visits being undertaken</p> | <p>■ Provision of means of communication</p> |
| <p>Working in public areas</p> | <p>Tripping and falling over tools and materials causing - bodily damage. To employees and members of the public</p> | <p>■ Avoid peak traffic periods. Warning signs erected. PPE issued e.g. high visibility vests.</p> | <p>■ Mowing of areas undertaken early in the morning. Public may be asked to move from certain areas whilst mowing is in progress</p> |

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| | Ejection of debris and entanglement of materials in bushes causing - bodily damage cleaning or maintaining sweeper whilst equipment is in operation | ■ | Stop cutting when public/dogs are in close proximity or likely to interfere with work. | |
| Weather | Sun burn stroke. Ultra violet radiation causing - burns to the skin, Photosensitization, sun spots, wrinkles and freckles. Premature ageing of the skin and Melanoma. Eye damage causing - cataracts and damage to the eye's retinas. Heat exhaustion. Continuous physical effort causing - dehydration and fatigue | ■ | Suitable PPE issued for staff working outdoors Issue and issue of sun screen | |
| Vehicles and Transport | Collisions and other accidents causing - strains, sprains, cuts and bruising and possible. Muscular and skeletal damage, amputation to driver, passenger and pedestrians | ■ | Refer to no.12. | |
| Working On/Near The Highway | Collisions and other accidents causing - strains, sprains, cuts and bruising and possible. Muscular and skeletal damage, amputation to driver, passenger and pedestrians | ■ | All drivers must hold the appropriate driving licence for the vehicle being driven. This must be recorded on individuals training records. | |
| | | ■ | Ensure roll over protection in place, and flashing warning lights are working | |
| Working on slopes | Slipping on wet or very dry grass and or banks. Losing control on sloping ground or loading on ramps for transportation causing - crushing and laceration of the hands, feet and body. | ■ | Competent operators. Know limits of machinery in respect of site conditions. Site specific risk assessments available for sloping sites | |

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| Loading and unloading | Loading and securing load causing - strains, sprains, cuts and bruising to employees lifting machinery onto and off vehicles and trailers. Movement of load causing injury to road users, vehicles and others. Movement of loaded items during transit if not se | ■ Ramps correctly in position and secured before loading. Correct manual handling techniques. Loads secured before moving off. | ■ Consider purchase of vehicles with tailboard ramps |
| Site specific comments | See site plan identifying areas which must not be cut with ride on mowers | | |