

SD71 Safety - Summer Grounds Workers

1. Walk around and check your vehicle before putting it into motion, get in the habit of using a spotter when moving the vehicle. Always use a spotter when children are on the grounds.
2. Do not work off ladders or at heights, do not retrieve balls or other items from roof tops.
3. Always make eye contact with operators when working in proximity to mobile equipment. Make sure that you are seen.
4. Watch for sharps and needles, call the grounds foreman for proper disposal.
5. Clear the work area of stones, glass, metal and debris before cutting grass or edge trimming.
6. Always direct the debris away from people, animals, glass and solid objects that could cause the debris to rebound or ricochet.
7. School staff and students, the public and fellow workers must be warned, and children and animals prevented from coming nearer than 15 m (50 ft.) while the unit is in use.
8. Keep people away from starting and operating areas. Shut off powered equipment when anyone moves within 15 m (50 ft.) of where you are working.
9. ALWAYS stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit
10. Wear sunscreen and cover-up no halter-tops or shorts, cover your head. Tie up long hair. Dress modestly. keep well hydrated. Know the signs of heat exhaustion.
11. Take every precaution when refueling. Turn motors off, let them cool down, open gas can vent prior to pouring. Always use pouring spouts. Ensure spout gasket is in place. Stop if spout leaks. Wipe up spills immediately. The goal is to refuel without spilling a drop.
12. Sign-in at the school when you arrive and verbally inform office staff of your activities and duration.
13. Report any observed unsafe conditions on the grounds, with equipment or structures.
14. Report all injuries how small and seek first aid.
15. Report all accidents.
16. Do not wear ties, scarves, jewelry, or clothing with loose or hanging items that could become entangled in moving parts or surrounding growth.
17. When using a leaf blower always wear a fit tested** N95 mask in dusty or dirty areas, or where dampness and decay may have created conditions for mould growth. Mould spores are an inhalation hazard.
18. Do not leave running tool unattended.
19. Wear all PPE, coveralls, gloves, high visibility vests, safety glasses with side shields, hearing protection, safety foot wear. Adjust harness and hand grip to suit work positions if you experience numbness or tingling, stop take a break and speak with your Supervisor.
20. Don't work alone, always use the buddy system. If you must work alone install and use the "StaySafe" app on your phone**. Check on your buddy's well being frequently.
21. To prevent damage do not edge trim within 50 feet of a parked vehicle.
22. Always maintain a high level of awareness of where ejected debris is being directed.
23. Check equipment daily and report deficiencies. Make sure that shields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properly. Replace or tighten all loose or damaged parts or guards. If equipment is unsafe tag it out **.



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