

SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

Walk-Behind Mower

AMAC



**FOOT
PROTECTION
MUST BE WORN**



**EYE & HEARING
PROTECTION
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**SUNSCREEN
MUST BE WORN**



**PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING
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PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Wear proper clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
2. Ensure mower is clean. Dirt, oil and debris contribute to fires.
3. Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional.
4. Ensure cutting blades are sharp, secure and in good condition. Damaged blades can cause a dangerous imbalance.
5. Repair or replace any loose, broken, missing or damaged parts.
6. Faulty equipment must not be used. Report suspect machinery immediately.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Clear the area to be mowed of debris that may be thrown.
2. Be aware of the potential for ejected material and ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating the mower.
3. Avoid mowing in wet conditions due to lack of traction.
4. Maintain a proper balance and secure footing when starting the mower.
5. Keep clear of moving machine parts.
6. Operate at a speed slow enough to keep control over unexpected hazards.
7. Mow in a forward direction.
8. When mowing on a slope, mow across the slope – this keeps a better distance between the operator and the mower in case of a slip.
9. Never leave the machine running unattended.
10. Always shut off the mower, remove spark plug lead and allow it to come to a complete standstill before adjusting or clearing grass clogs.
11. Allow the mower to cool before refuelling. Use only approved safety containers to store fuel.
12. Turn off fuel supply when mowing has concluded.

HOUSEKEEPING

1. Clean away any oil and debris from in and around engine and catcher parts.
2. Keep the work area or implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Noise
- Rapidly rotating cutting blades
- Ejected material and flying debris

This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with the machine and should be used in conjunction with other references
It is designed to be used as an adjunct to teaching Safety Procedures and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use

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