

Maintenance (Grass Cutting/Ride-on Mower) – Risk Assessment Market Weston Parish Council

Hazards	Is the hazard present?	What is the risk?	Risk rating H = High M = Medium L = Low	Control measures	Is this control in place?	If no, what actions are required to implement the control?	Person responsible	Date action completed
Y/N					Y/N			
Unsafe system of work		Eye/body injury Cuts/ lacerations Burns High noise level/hearing damage Crush injuries Overturning of ride-on mower	H	The operator's manual is available where required The mower is only to be used in accordance with operator's manual/manufacture's instructions Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing is provided and worn as necessary Mower is only started when it is safe to do so - no bystanders in the vicinity No passengers are allowed on the ride on mower The ride on mower is not driven up or down excessively steep slopes				
Flying debris		Eye/body injury	H	Area checked for stones, glass, metal and debris before starting				
Hot engine parts		Burns	H	Engine refilled before starting work while the engine is cool. If refuelling is required before the job is completed, wait for the engine to cool				
Rotating machinery		Cuts/ amputation	H	Shields, guards, interlocks and other safety devices are in place and working properly				
			H	Engine shut off before cleaning out clogged chute or any other obstructions				
Vibration		Hand arm vibration or whole body vibration	L	The ride on or push mower is used for time periods as specified by manufacturer's instructions				

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Defective equipment		Injuries due to defective equipment	H	The equipment is inspected and serviced by a competent person				
			H	Defects are reported immediately to the principal and/or designated person responsible for safety and health and the equipment is taken out of use until repaired				
Refuelling mower		Fire Burns	H	Do not smoke while refuelling Refuel outdoors Never refuel while the engine is running or while the engine is hot If fuel is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine. Move the machine away from the area and do not start the engine until fuel vapours have dissipated Replace all fuel tank caps securely				

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken.

Medium Risk (M) actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by: _____

Date: / /