

LOCATION OF WORK	WRITTEN BY:	APPROVED BY:	DATE	LAST REVISION
All Schools	Karl Ingoldsby	Somersworth School District JLMC	3/4/2020	New

HAZARDS PRESENT	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)	ADDITIONAL RECCOMENDATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awkward / sustained postures-forward lean</li> <li>Forceful exertions – thick grass, uneven terrain</li> <li>Vibrations – hands and arms</li> <li>Sharp points / edges – spinning mower blades</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Other- Debris thrown from blades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearing protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed toe shoes</li> <li>Operators manual</li> <li>In-house training</li> </ul>

**Note:** Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.

### SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

1. Ensure all shields and guards such as rear drag shield including discharge deflector are in place and working properly
2. Avoid unnecessary engine idling in enclosed spaces such as sheds or garages
3. Avoid mowing areas close to where people are present
4. Make best efforts to clear the area to be mowed of any debris which could be thrown from the blades. Watch for hidden hazards such as holes, roots, drain pipes, or insect nests. Use caution around low hanging branches and shrubs
5. Mow with chute pointing away from buildings or people
6. Only reach under the machine when the machine is turned off. Disconnect the spark plug wire before performing maintenance
7. Do not touch hot motor parts or spray cold water on a hot engine
8. Do not make wheel height adjustments, unclog chute, remove grass catcher, or refuel while the engine is running
9. Do not leave a running mower unattended
10. Refuel in a well ventilated, level area and allow engine to cool at least 10 minutes or as per operating manual prior to refueling

When leaving the machine:

1. Disengage power to the blade
2. Stop the engine
3. Remove key and return it to the designated area

### REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- [https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/2019-03/mowing-trimming\\_safety\\_manual.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/2019-03/mowing-trimming_safety_manual.pdf)