

# Safe Operating Procedure

## Trimmer - Petrol



### PERSONAL SAFETY



### PRE OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Ensure fuel is sufficient and engine oil level okay;
- Check for obvious faults and defects including any electric cords for signs of wear or damage;
- Identify ON/OFF switch.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Entanglement;
- Impact and cutting injuries;
- Manual handling;
- Noise;
- Slips and trips;
- Exhaust fumes;
- Vibration.

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY PRACTICES (CONTROLS)

- Hold trimmer firmly in both hands;
- Ensure firm footing;
- Move your body with the trimmer; do not twist from the waist;
- Do not cut over shoulder height;
- Do not walk with trimmer whilst cutter is spinning;
- Do not refuel petrol motor while in operation;
- Do not refuel petrol motor while in the vicinity of sparks, naked flame or person/s smoking;
- Do not overfill fuel tank or fuel when engine is hot;
- Ensure fuel tank cap is securely fitted after refuelling;
- Do not operate or refuel the motor in confined space without adequate ventilation.

### HOUSEKEEPING

- Ensure petrol is stored in approved storage container;
- Avoid spilling petrol when refuelling, if spillage occurs, ensure area is dry before starting motor;
- Switch off machine;
- Ensure cutters have stopped before removing waste material;
- Ensure cutters have stopped before placing trimmer on the ground;
- Ensure equipment is cleaned and returned to storage area after use.