

Safe Work Instruction

Powered Small Plant



INTRODUCTION:

This SWI is a guide for the safe operation of powered small plant in general.

For more detailed instructions refer to the Safe Operating Procedures on the individual items of plant.

WORK INSTRUCTION:

- If unsure on the operation of any item of powered small plant, training from a competent person shall be undertaken prior to its use.
- Beware of hazards such as nip / shear points, vibration, noise, electrical, manual handling, exhaust fumes and repetitive use injury.
- Check for any defects and faults before use such as inadequate guarding, worn or damaged blades etc.
- Report all faults to the Supervisor immediately.
- The item of plant must be tagged “not for use” and any maintenance or repairs shall be undertaken by a competent person.
- All guarding must be in place and secured, cut/off braking systems and all controls operating correctly.
- Emergency controls must be properly maintained and clearly marked.
- Check electrical connections and oil and fuel levels prior to use.
- Clear the area of any hazards and, erect barricades, screens etc. where possible, for the protection of the other workers and the public.
- Don't lift or move heavy plant on your own.
- Cables, hoses etc. shall be protected from damage and not placed so as to create a tripping hazard.
- Wear the appropriate PPE (hand, eye, and ear, foot, clothing & respiratory).
- Keep clear of the line of blades, pulleys chains etc. when in use.
- Take care when refuelling.
- Ensure adequate ventilation, no naked flames or flammable materials in the vicinity.