

	Safe Work Guideline Weed Trimmer		
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DO:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (steel toed boots, hearing protection, safety glasses, sunscreen, and bug spray).
- Wear appropriate clothing (long pants, no loose fitting clothing or dangling jewelry).
- Always lay trimmer on ground when starting.
- Secure trimmer firmly while pulling crank to start.
- Always keep both hands on the control handles of the trimmer when operating.
- Shut down the trimmer if the unit starts to shake or vibrate more than normal. Check to see if trimmer is damaged or fasteners are loose.
- The trimmer is to be turned off when changing the line or work needs to be done on the unit.
- Wipe up any spilled fuel before starting the engine.
- Keep hands and body parts away from hot engine.
- Always replace damaged or broken debris shields.
- Ensure you are trained in the use of this equipment or are working under the direct supervision of someone who is.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for use and maintenance.

DON'T

- Never remove or disable a safety feature of the trimmer (e.g. debris shield).
- Never operate a mower when persons or pets are in the danger zone (approx. 15 meters).
- Never fill the fuel tank indoors or while engine is hot or running.