

Risk assessment for Sit on Mower

Organisation name: Osgathorpe Parish Council

Date of last review: March 2024 To be reviewed on change of operator or mower

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| Items thrown up from use of ride on mower | Risk of injury to operator and/or anyone in the vicinity by contact with flying debris. | Operator trained in the use of the ride on mower. Operator to ensure that all safety measures are in place before use. Prior to starting mowing the operator has a visual inspection of the area and removes any obvious stones, branches or debris from area to be mowed. | None | Operator | Before using the mower Each mowing event Each mowing event As applicable | Y |



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| | | Operator is to stop mowing and turn off the blades if someone approaches within 5m of the the machine while mowing is taking place. Mower is serviced and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's | Notify the | | As required | |
| | | guidance. If broken or damaged the mower must not be used until repaired, or replaced. | parish council's portfolio holder and/or clerk | | As soon as reasonably practicable | |
| Lone Working | Working alone presents the risk of an operator being unable to summon help if required. | Operator to carry a charged mobile phone at all times for emergency use. Phone is not to be used while operating or refuelling the mower. Location of where the operator will be | None | Operator | Each mowing event | Y |
| | | mowing is communicated to an appropriate adult prior to the operator setting out to use the mower. | | | | |



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| | | The mower will only be used to mow the cemetery on Breedon Lane, the play area on Dawson's Road and/or the church cemetery | | | | |
| Moving parts of the mower | Risk of harm of operator's clothing or part of body becoming entangled with moving parts of the mower particularly the cutting blades and wheels. | Operator trained in the use of the ride on mower. Operator to ensure that hair, clothing, loose articles etc are kept clear of moving parts. The mower is only to be maintained by trained, competent individuals who will provide risk assessments for this element of work. | Ensure the maintenance personnel have risk assessments | Operator Parish Council portfolio holder | Prior to each annual service or repair. | Y |
| | | Operator to inspect switched-off mower before and after every use. If damaged or worn the mower is not to be used until repaired. | | | | |



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| | | Operator to ensure no part of their body is near the moving parts of the machine whilst it is in use and all guards are in place. | | | | |
| Impact and Crushing injuries | Impact and crushing injuries to operator due to the mower overturning. | Operator trained in the use of the ride on mower. Operator to inspect work area for potential hazards prior to commencing work. | None | Operator | | Y |
| Collision | Collision with pedestrians, trapping and crushing against stationary objects, doors or gates or other vehicles harming the operator or third party | Operator trained in the use of the ride on mower. Operator holds a valid, current UK driving licence. Operator is vigilant of who/what is around them and is not to mow where there are pedestrians present. | None | Operator | | Y |



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| Risk of explosion / inhalation of fumes | Risk of harm from fire, explosion and inhalation of fumes to the operator or anyone in the vicinity. | Mower fuelled only in areas away from all sources of ignition. Mower fuelled outside, never indoors or in a confined space. After refuelling the filler cap is secured and all spillages and drips wiped clean. Fuel to be stored in a fuel container complying with the Petroleum Spirit Regulations SI 1982/630 and clearly labelled as highly flammable. | None | Operator | | Y |
| Unauthorised use | Unauthorised use of the ride on mower could result in serious injury to the operator and anyone in the vicinity. | Ride on mower and ignition key must never be left unattended together. | None | Operator | | Y |



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| Road Traffic Accident (RTA) | Operator and third party involved in an RTA travelling on the public highway or access roads. | Operator holds a valid, current UK driving licence. Mower is only driven on the public highway between storage area and mowing areas. | None | Operator | | Y |

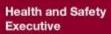
More information on managing risk: www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/

NB. Operator to refer to health and safety instructions in the Operator's Manual.

I am trained in the use of the ride on mower and deemed competent to use it.

Operator Signature:

Trainer Signature:





| Operator Name: | Trainer Name: | |
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