

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

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		<p>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</p>				
<p>Moving parts of the mower</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Operator trained in the use of the ride on mower.</p> <p>Operator to ensure that hair, clothing, loose articles etc are kept clear of moving parts.</p> <p>The mower is only to be maintained by trained, competent individuals who will provide risk assessments for this element of work.</p> <p>Operator to inspect switched-off mower before and after every use. If damaged or worn the mower is not to be used until repaired.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Ensure the maintenance personnel have risk assessments</p>	<p>Operator</p> <p>Parish Council portfolio holder</p>	<p>Prior to each annual service or repair.</p>	<p>Y</p>

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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.	<p>Mower fuelled only in areas away from all sources of ignition.</p> <p>Mower fuelled outside, never indoors or in a confined space.</p> <p>After refuelling the filler cap is secured and all spillages and drips wiped clean.</p> <p>Fuel to be stored in a fuel container complying with the Petroleum Spirit Regulations SI 1982/630 and clearly labelled as highly flammable.</p>	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/](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_



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