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| **18.2 WHS Risk assessment form (3x3 for Leaders of Youth)** |
|  Activity or event being assessed: | Risk assessment for youth mowing lawn (push mower only permitted) |
| Assessed by: | This is a SAMPLE risk assessment, generated Scouts NSW. Edit this document or add handwritten notes, to customize for your specific activity | Date of assessment: |  |
| Consulted: |  | Leader in Charge or Manager’s name: |  |
| Group, site or event name: |  | Leader in Charge or Manager’s Signature: |  |

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| **L = Likelihood****Likely (A):** The event is expected to occur during the activity**Possible (B):** The event is not expected to occur during the activity**Unlikely (C):** The event is conceivable but highly unlikely to occur during the activity | **C = Consequence****Minor (1):** Low level impact that may require first aid treatment **Moderate (2):** Medium level impact requiring medical treatment**Major (3):** High level impact with extensive injuries*Hint: Select the most ‘’realistic’’ consequence, rather than the ‘’worst possible’’ consequence.* | ***Risk Level*** |
| ***Consequence →******Likelihood* ↓** | **Minor (1)** | **Moderate (2)** | **Major (3)** |
| ***Likely (A)*** | Medium (M) | High (H)  | High(H) |
| ***Possible (B)*** | Low (L) | Medium (M) | High(H) |
| ***Unlikely (C)*** | Low(L) | Low (L) | Medium (M) |
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| **Identify the hazards** 🡪 | **Assess the risk**  🡪 | **Mitigate the risk**  🡪 | **Re-assess the risk** | 🡪 **Assign responsibility** |
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| Task or activity being assessed – step by step | Hazards associated with each task or activity  | What is the risk level - Low, Moderate, Significant or High | What reasonable steps are suggested to reduce the risk further? Are any new hazards introduced?  | Revised Risk Level (only proceed if risk level is acceptable) | Person responsible  |
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| Transporting the mower to and from the property  | * Back injury
* Personal injury or property damage due to use of inappropriate vehicle or inadequate securing
 | B, 2 = Medium | * ‘Team lift’ i.e at least 2 people lift the mower into the vehicle / trailer eg youth plus parent
* Leader will discuss intended method of transportation and method of securing mower with youth’s parents to agree the appropriate method
 | C, 2 = Low |  |
| Mowing (push mower) | * Lacerations from mower blades or flying debris (youth, member s of public, pets etc)
* Fuel spills
* Ignition on hot dry days
* Mower rolls backwards on steep gradient
 | B, 3 = High | * Ensure mower is in good condition –parent to inspect prior to each use
* Youth must be aware of how to operate the mower safely – eg demonstrate to Scout leader all the controls including blade height adjustment and safety feature
* Leader to provided a site orientation – eg site-specific hazards to avoid or specific tasks– eg any steep slopes – gutters, rocks , refueling and fuel storage (if applicable) etc
* Youth to complete a [**H-S 30.2 Mower Pre-Start Checklist**](https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/state_forms/WHS/FORM_30.2%20Mower%20pre-start%20checklist%20v%201.0.pdf)every time which covers a number of mowing hazards.
* Youth are not permitted to use a ride on mower.
* Parent present to act as spotter
 | B, 2 = Medium |  |
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| Task or activity assessed | Hazards associated with the task or activity  | What is the current risk level - Low, Moderate, Significant or High | What reasonable steps are suggested to reduce the risk further? Are any new hazards introduced?  | Revised Risk Level (only proceed if risk level is acceptable) | Person responsible  |
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