



30.2 WHS FORM – Mower pre-start checklist

Use this checklist (or similar) prior to starting ride-on or push-mowers.

NOTE: Mowing for Scouts may be deemed 'work' so is subject to the Work Health and Safety laws. If a serious injury occurs, after obtaining medical assistance, cease work, preserve the scene. Contact your leader and sate office urgently.

SCOUTS SITE: _____

GENERAL RISK CONTROLS – RIDE on and PUSH MOWERS ----- No smoking!!!

- Never interfere with safety guards or safety devices and never carry passengers. Keep clear of moving parts
- Slow speed only and observe manufacturer’s gradient limitations.
- When refuelling, use an appropriate funnel. Prevent fuel spills, especially onto hot machine surfaces or near drains.
- For **push mowers**, travel across slopes rather than up/down to avoid the mower rolling back on you.
- For **ride on mowers**, travel up/down slopes rather than across to avoid roll-over.

YOUR PRE-START SAFETY CHECK	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:
	YOUR NAME:	YOUR NAME:	YOUR NAME:
The weather conditions appear suitable. ie not too hot or dry (risk of starting fire/heat stroke)			
I am wearing appropriate PPE – eg enclosed boots, eye and hearing protection, sunscreen, hat and appropriate clothing.			
Safety devices and guards are fitted, the blades appear secure and functional.			
I am aware of the site-specific hazards and any no-go zones.			
I have conducted a 'walk over' before mowing today to remove (or avoid) any hazardous debris, tent pegs, deep ruts etc			
If refueling is required, I am aware of the refueling procedure and storage of fuel. I have an appropriate funnel for pouring fuel.			
For ride on mowers - seat belt, if fitted, is in sound condition. Use it!			
Check for people and animals before start up and throughout mowing. Be courteous and temporarily cease mowing until they pass.			
Note any issues here and inform the site manager for action. Keep this record on site. Old records may be forwarded to Head of Risk for retention.			

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