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Job Safety Analysis


Safety Information for The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

TORO Z-TURN RIDING MOWER



Title	Work Task	Hazards	Controls
Standard Operating Procedures	1. Initial assessment before each use. (i.e. – Check fluids, deck, blade, loose parts)	1. Mower blade may cut hands during inspection.	1. Wear proper hand protection (gloves) during the initial inspection of the mower.
	2. Employee dons the proper Personal Protective Equipment before the job begins.	None	1. The employee must have the following PPE on before operating the mower: - Eye Protection - Hand Protection (When needed.) - Ear Protection - Steel Toed Shoes - Chaps/Long Pants
	3. ALWAYS make sure the mower is 'OFF' before inspecting, trying to remove debris from the deck, or trying to remove debris from the debris discharge area.	1. Hand Hazard & Foot Hazard.	1. Hand protection and foot protection should be worn when removing debris.

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	4. Employee uses the mower to cut grass along landscaped areas, open areas, and slopes/hills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting the mower 'ON'. 2. Flying debris. 3. Pedestrians walking by when working in particular areas. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure your hands and feet are away from the discharge area of the mower before starting the mower. Make sure others stand a safe distance away from the mower before cutting the mower 'ON'. 2. Eye protection should be worn along with chaps or long pants due to flying debris. 3. When using the mower, be aware of your surroundings at all times, and where you are operating the mower. When pedestrians are approaching within close proximity of the work area, cut the machine/blade off until they pass by to prevent any debris from flying in their direction, and to avoid hitting them with the blade.
	5. Working on hills and steep slopes.	1. The mower may tip over if the slope is at a steep enough grade, if the mower becomes unbalanced, or if the mower is not used on the slope properly .	1. A roll bar is in place on the back of the mower in case of tipping or flipping. The employee needs to be aware of whether the surface of the area they are working around is flat, on a gradual slope, or a steep incline. Always go straight up the slope or straight down the slope. Never go up or down a steep slope at an angle. USE CAUTION WHEN WORKING ON STEEP SLOPED AREAS!!
	6. Replacing the blade, cleaning the deck and undercarriage, and general maintenance.	1. Poses a hand/finger hazard (cuts) when performing maintenance. (i.e. – The blade may cut the hand or finger when being taken off or put back on.)	1. Hand protection must be worn while performing maintenance on and replacing the blade on the mower.
Training	Employees must have hands on training in the proper use of this piece of equipment before using it.	Supervisor is to fill out the 'Supervisor Led Training Form' and turn in the form to UNC-CH Environment, Health and Safety for documentation of proper training.	

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Referenced Material	Refer to Manufactures Owner’s Manual for more information.
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