



Hazards	cuts from blade, flying debris and projectiles, prolonged noise exposure, muscle strain from operating equipment in an awkward position for long periods of time, fire and spills when refueling, slips or falls from operating on steep slopes, burns from hot points.
Tools/Equipment	
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Grounds & Transportation

Required PPE:



Safety Shoes
(With Cleats)



Ear
Protection



Eye
Protection

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

- Do not perform the procedure or operate the equipment until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.
- Inspect required personal protective equipment (PPE) and replace if required.
- Make sure you are familiar with the hover mower and its safe use.
- Make sure you are alert and not fatigued or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing, dangling jewelry, etc.

PROCEDURE

1. Check worksite. Remove debris, look for holes and check slope and ground quality to ensure that it is not too wet.
2. Look to see if anyone else is in or around the work area. Never assume people will stay where you last saw them.
3. Ensure good footing and balance while operating the hover mower.
4. Mow turf in a sideways fashion. Never pull mower towards your feet while it is running.
5. Keep your hands and feet away from hot points or moving parts (blades).
6. If the blade hits a hard object, stop the mower immediately, inspect the blade and make any necessary repairs before continuing.
7. To unclog excessive grass from under deck, turn mower off, disconnect spark plug wire, turn mower on proper side (carburetor facing up), use a stick or putty knife to remove excess grass.
8. Always shut down safely: disengage mower properly and in an area where it will not flip over.
9. Always refuel outdoors and on level ground.
10. Allow engine to cool briefly before refueling.
11. Extinguish all ignition sources (for example cigarettes).
12. Never overfill tank.

NOTE: All PPE, tools and equipment shall be used in accordance with provincial OH&S legislation, manufacturer's specifications, applicable standards and codes of practice.