

Safe Work Procedure		Lawn Mower – Push (Gas)	
Department / Area: Physical Plant Services	Approved By: Regional Manager of Physical Plant Services	Date Created: September 5 2014	Review Date: Revised date:
Potential Hazards: Fill in those that apply H M L Risk for Injury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Combustibles / flammables - gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rotating blades, debris thrown from blades <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Forceful exertions – thick grass, uneven terrain <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Noise <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surfaces causing falls – rough terrain <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibration – (hand, arm) increases effects with time <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extreme heat <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awkward / sustained postures – forward lean		Personal protective equipment / devices required / other safety considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Appropriate closed toe footwear ➤ Eye Protection ➤ Hearing Protection ➤ Wear long pants ➤ No electronic devices when operating mower 	
		Training / Reference Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Department Orientation ➤ Operator's Manual 	
Note: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.			
Employers must ensure that workers are trained and follow this safe work procedure. Steps to perform this task safely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure all shields and guards such as rear drag shield including discharge deflector are in place and working properly. ➤ Avoid unnecessary engine idling in enclosed spaces such as sheds or garages. ➤ Avoid mowing areas close to where people are present. ➤ Block off areas, if necessary, with signage. ➤ Make best efforts to clear the area to be mowed of any debris which could be thrown from the blades. Watch for hidden hazards such as holes, roots, drain pipes, or insect nests. Use caution around low hanging branches and shrubs. ➤ Only reach under the machine when it is turned off and the blades have stopped turning. ➤ Do not touch hot motor parts or spray cold water on a hot engine. ➤ Do not make wheel height adjustments, unclog chute, remove grass catcher, or refuel while the engine is running. ➤ Do not leave a running mower unattended. ➤ Refuel in a well ventilated, level area and allow the engine to cool at least 10 minutes or as per operating manual prior to refueling. When leaving the machine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disengage power to the blade. ➤ Stop the engine. 			