

Safe Work Procedure		Weed Trimmer (Gas Powered)																																	
Department / Area: Physical Plant Services	Approved By: Regional Manager of Physical Plant Services	Date Created: September 5 2014	Review Date: Revised date:																																
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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"> ➤ When using the weed trimmer, move your feet to turn with the machine rather than repetitively twisting your back. ➤ Try to angle the trimmer head slightly into the area being cut. ➤ Always use the machine for its appropriate use. Do not attempt to cut down items larger than is specified in the Operator's Manual. ➤ Avoid or take extra caution when working in areas close to where people are present. ➤ Install barriers and signage if required. ➤ Take extra care when working in areas where hard debris could be picked up and thrown. Ensure that no one is near enough to be struck by debris. ➤ Let machine cool according to manufacturer guidelines before refilling it with fuel. Always use an appropriate funnel when refilling. Refuel in an area that is level and has adequate ventilation. 																																			