

Maintenance (Strimmers) – Risk Assessment Template No. 43 (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using Template No.74)

Hazards	Is the hazard present? Y/N	What is the risk?	Risk rating H = High M = Medium L = Low	Control measures	Is this control in place? Y/N	If no, what actions are required to implement the control?	Person responsible	Date action completed
Rotating equipment		Flying debris causing eye/body injury to user	H	Personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing available and used as per manufacturer's instructions Shields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properly Only use manufacturer's recommended parts				
		Hand arm vibration	M	Avoid excessive periods of use				
		Eye/body injury to others in the vicinity	H	People kept away from operating areas Only use manufacturer's recommended parts- in particular never substitute with chain type flails				
			H	Area checked for stones, glass, metal and debris before starting				
		Cuts	M	Strimmer is used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions Shields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properly Engine is shut off before cleaning out clogged or stuck cutter				
Electricity		Electrocution	H	Residual Circuit Device (RCD's) on power supply in the case of electrically powered strimmers Electric cables are free from defects Extension sockets are suitable for outdoor use and potential exposure to wet				
Defective equipment leading to injury		Electrocution Cuts Injury to user/others	H	The equipment is inspected before use and serviced by a competent person				
Working posture		Falls	M	Good balance and secure footing maintained when operating strimmer Suitable footwear is worn				
Noise		Hearing loss	H	Appropriate ear protection to be worn as necessary				

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Petrol		Fire causing Burns	H	Petrol is stored in suitable container and dispensed in open air using funnel if necessary No refueling takes place when engine is running				
Hot surfaces (petrol driven machines)		Burns	M	Engine is refilled before starting work while the engine is cool If refueling is required before the job is completed, operator waits for the engine to cool				

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken.
Medium Risk (M) actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

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Risk Assessment carried out by: _____ **Date:** / /