



The William Henry Smith School

RAP26 Risk Assessment for Trimming Hedges

Main Hazards:-	Who may be Harmed?
Petrol Moving Parts/blades Hedge trimmer usage	Maintenance, school staff, students, public

Hazard is Likelihood x Severity to give Rating Score
Likelihood 1-5 (1=remote possibility; 5=will almost certainly happen)
Severity 1-5 (1=Minor injury graze/bruise; 5=Death/permanent disability)

Rating Score
1-2 low risk no further action required
3-5 low priority – examine if practical to change
6-9 Medium – do something as soon as possible
10-15 – A high priority for action
16-25 Unacceptable! Requires immediate action or does not go ahead.

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Rating (With control) – Likelihood and Severity are shown separately as well as the final rating. This is for controls put into place.

HAZARD	Likelihood	Severity	Rating Score No Controls	CONTROL MEASURES	Likelihood	Severity	Rating Score With Controls
Petrol (Flammable)	3	5	10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Store petrol in approved storage cans and store in COSHH Cupboard. ➤ Keep Petrol clear from naked flames ➤ When handling petrol wear PPE provided /Gloves/Goggles. ➤ Spillages ensure they are cleaned up effectively by using petrol spillage kits ➤ Use a Funnel when refilling mower with petrol. 	2	3	6-9
Moving parts/blades (Cuts/ obstruction)	4	5	16-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure person using machine is trained to do so. ➤ Never leave machine unattended. ➤ Ensure competent person carries out any repairs/maintenance/servicing ➤ Never carry out any repairs whilst Mower is operational, switch power supply off. 	1	2	1-2
Hedge Trimmer usage (Moving parts/Obstruction /Uneven ground)	3	3	6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Always wear PPE Provided /Gloves/Goggles/Safety Shoes/Ear Protection/Hard Hat ➤ Walk area to be mowed to check for any obstructions if so remove ➤ Check any uneven ground to ensure the machine is fit for purpose. 	1	2	1-2

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I have read and understood the risk assessment for **Trimming Hedges** above.

I have undertaken to add or amend the above to suit the specific details of the trip.

Signed Mick Cartwright

Date October 2018