

# Generic Risk Assessment

<b>Task/Activity:</b> Use of strimmer		
<b>Who is at risk from the activity?</b> Volunteer taking part in activity / general public		
<b>What are the hazards (dangers)?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel</li> <li>• Fire</li> <li>• Stone, dust and grit</li> <li>• Noise</li> </ul>		
<b>What are the potential outcomes from the hazards?</b> Hearing damage, vibration injuries, back strain, fire, skin irritation, cuts, muscle injury, slips/trips and falls		
<b>Generic Controls in place</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operator must wear hearing protection</li> <li>• Operator must wear appropriate footwear with steel toecaps</li> <li>• Operator must wear appropriate gloves</li> <li>• Maintain distance 15 m around user</li> <li>• Machine to be serviced regularly</li> <li>• Take regular breaks</li> <li>• Store fuel in an appropriate container that is clearly marked</li> <li>• Store fuel away from sources of ignition</li> <li>• Wear appropriate clothing</li> <li>• Signs to warn the public that work is taking place</li> <li>• Put blade on cover when strimmer is not in use</li> <li>• Assign a worker to stop operator working to allow public to pass safely</li> <li>• Watch out for stones, dog excrement etc while strimming</li> <li>• Operator to check for hidden obstructions</li> <li>• Operator to assess area for uneven ground, steep slopes, flooded ground</li> </ul>		
What is the likelihood of the risk occurring?	High	Medium
		<b>Low</b>
What else can we do locally to control the risk?		
Who needs to know about these findings? Group Leader, Group members		
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