

Task/Operation:	Safe use of brushcutters and strimmers		
Group(s) affected:	Operator, DCC Staff, Public, Volunteers		
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Reviews			
Next Review Required	Date actually reviewed	Changes Required? (Yes/No)	Assessor Signature
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Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	Before control			State control measures and person responsible to action each one	After control		
		L	S	R		L	S	R
Contact with moving part – blade, string	Cuts, fractures, amputations	2	3	6	Only operators trained to National Standard to use. Appropriate PPE to be worn. No one to be within 10m radius of operation. Second person to be in attendance to act as look out. Ensure engine switched off before making adjustments, refuelling, altering or repairing. Ensure good stance and balance to avoid falls	1	3	3
Noise – vibration	Deafness and white finger	2	2	4	Keep hands warm by wearing gloves, regular breaks and job rotation. Good maintenance of machinery to be upheld. Purchase of Equipment to be minimum vibration levels.	1	2	2

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Flying debris including dog excrement	Impact from debris resulting in cuts, bruises etc. Infection from Intoxicara	2	2	4	Visual inspection of site prior to operation. Use appropriate cutting techniques, cut from left to right and sway from feet. Ensure appropriate PPE. Good Personal hygiene. Ensure all guards properly fitted and in good order	1	1	1
Exhaust fumes	Asphyxiation	2	3	6	Long trousers must be worn. Also toe caps, facemask or solid clear visor and hard hat. Never run machines indoors. Ensure equipment is in good order and serviced properly.	1	2	2
Fire and Explosion	Burns	2	2	4	Care when mixing fuel and filling machine. Fill only when machine is cool. Do not store fuel in sunlight or near fires. No smoking in proximity of fuel or machine. Use of quick release harness. Ensure mixture is correct, and stored in marked containers. Prior to storage of equipment, ensure minimum fuel left in tank.	1	2	2
Environmental Damage	Harm to environment and wildlife	2	2	4	Carry and use spill kit. Use absorbent mat. Use biodegradable fuel where possible. Appropriate containment and storage is considered.	1	1	1