



## SAFE OPERATING GUIDELINES

SAFEMINISTRY WHS

# Ride On Mower

**DO NOT use this machine unless you have received instruction in its safe use, operation and maintenance**



### POTENTIAL HAZARDS include

Rapidly rotating cutting blades, Noise, Eye injuries, Ejected material and flying debris, Rollover potential

### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Ensure all safety devices, guards, switches, and shields are fitted, secure and functional
- Ensure that seat belt, if fitted, is in sound condition
- Ensure cutting blades are secure and in good condition
- Ensure that any pneumatic and hydraulic mechanisms are in sound condition
- Ensure that all electrical switches (including dead-man switch if fitted) are functioning
- Faulty equipment must not be used; Report faulty machinery immediately and **TAG OUT OF SERVICE**

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Never carry passengers
- Be sure the transmission is out of gear and the mower blade clutch disengaged before starting
- Keep clear of moving machine parts
- Drive at speed slow enough to keep control over unexpected hazards e.g. stumps, ditches
- Travel up/down slopes rather than across -caution when ascending/descending steep slopes. Use 150 as the maximum to attempt to mow
- Refuelling - prevent spilling fuel onto hot engine or exhaust
- Before making adjustments bring the machine to a complete standstill and isolate
- Be aware of the potential for ejected material and ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating the equipment

### STOPPING THE RIDE ON MOWER

- Park on even ground
- Stop the ride on mower and shift the gear selector to park position
- Raise and secure the cutting blades
- Lock the parking brake
- Stop the engine and remove the keys

### HOUSEKEEPING

- Clean away any foreign material and debris from in and around engine and catcher parts – **Isolate Power First**
- Keep work area and storage shed in a clean and tidy condition