

East Chinnock Parish Council

Ride on Mower Risk Assessment

RISK ASSESSMENT

Item: Use of ride on lawnmower	Assessor: Clerk	Date: 1 st March, 2021 Review: March 2022
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Likelihood: how likely is it that the harm presented by the hazard will actually occur?	Severity: what impact or damage could the harm presented by the hazard have on a person or persons?
High (3): Harm is certain, or near certain, to occur	High (3): Death or major injury
Medium (2): Harm will often occur	Medium (2): 7 day injury or illness
Low (1): Harm will seldom occur	Low (1): All other injuries or illnesses

Risk rating: Once the likelihood and severity have been determined, the risk can be calculated as shown below:

Severity	Likelihood		
	3	2	1
3	High	High	Medium
2	High	High	Medium
1	Low	Low	Low

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Haz No	Significant Hazards Look only for hazards which you could reasonably expect to result in significant harm	People affected	Risk rating			Control measures e.g. physical safeguards, training, PPE etc	Residual risk rating		
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			L	S	R		L	S	R
1	Use of ride on mower presents the risk of injury from items being thrown up.	Volunteers Anyone in the vicinity	2	2	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers instructed in the correct use of ride on mower. Volunteers ensure guards in place before starting work. Prior to starting mower, volunteers remove any stones or debris from area to be mowed. Volunteers are advised to use appropriate PPE such as eye protection, ear defenders, safety boots etc. 	1	2	M
2	Collision with pedestrians can cause serious injury	Volunteers Anyone in the vicinity	3	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers fully trained in correct use of ride on mower. Staff wear Hi-Vis jacket/vest at all times. Working area is coned off 	1	3	M
3	Unauthorised use of the ride on mower could result in serious injury to the operator and to anyone in the vicinity.	Volunteers Anyone in the vicinity	2	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride on mower is never left unattended. When not in use the key is removed. 	1	3	M

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4	Hair, clothing, jewellery etc can become entangled with moving parts of the mower.	Volunteers	3	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers fully trained in correct use of ride on mower. • Volunteers ensure hair, clothing etc kept clear of moving parts of the mower: long hair is tied back, appropriate clothing to be worn, jewellery is not permitted to be worn (except wedding rings). 	1	3	M
5	Impact and crushing injuries can occur due to the mower overturning, particularly when working on slopes.	Volunteers	3	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff fully trained in correct operation of ride on mower. • Operator to inspect work area for hazards prior to commencing work. • Ride on mower is never used on steep slopes i.e. 30° or more. 	1	3	M
6	Volunteers risk damage to hearing.	Volunteers	3	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers fully trained in correct operation of ride on mower. • Volunteers issued with ear plugs. 	1	1	L

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8	Fuelling of ride on mower presents the risk of harm from fire, explosion, inhalation of fumes.	Staff Anyone in the vicinity	3	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mower fuelled only in areas away from all sources of ignition. • Mower fuelled outside, never indoors or in a confined space e.g. in a ditch. • Mower fuelled using funnel. • After filling, filler cap is secured and all spillages and drips wiped clean. • Mower removed from fuelling area before starting. • Masks provided for use during fuelling. Staff trained in correct use of PPE. 	1	3	M
9	Volunteers at risk of harm from moving parts of mower.		2	3	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers fully trained in correct use of ride on mower. • Ride on mower subject to regular inspection and maintenance. • Volunteers inspect switched-off mower before and after every use. If damaged or worn, mower is taken out of use until repaired or replaced. • Users ensure no part of their body is near the moving parts of the machine while it is in use. 	1	3	M