

# BRUSH CUTTER (LITHIUM BATTERY)

INCLUDES NYLON-CORD WEED EATERS & BLADED SCRUB CUTTERS



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## 1 ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE

This Equipment Safety Data Sheet is intended as a guide only for the safe operation of this device. It does not override Worksafe NZ recommendations or any other industry requirements. You **MUST** be a competent qualified person to operate this machine. Do not use this machine for work that it was not designed for!

If you are unsure about any aspect of this device or its capabilities or its suitability, or if you are in doubt as to its proper usage you must contact one of the Hire Company Employees or an industry expert before continuing.

## 2 PLANNING FOR SAFETY

A hazard identification assessment & control site plan, including a pedestrian management plan, **MUST** be in place before starting any work.

### BEFORE USING THIS BRUSHCUTTER:

- Specify the tasks and methods for the job.
- Ensure that this device is the best machine for the job.
- Understand the capabilities of this device and its limitations.
- Identify any site specific hazards that may affect the safe use of this machine and remove any hazards.
- Ensure site emergency procedures, first aid kit and fire extinguisher are in place.

## 3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



EYE & FACE PROTECTION



PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR



HEARING PROTECTION



PROTECTIVE GLOVES



PROTECTIVE CLOTHING  
Use leather Chaps or suitable clothing made of a strong fabric.



SUN PROTECTION  
Protective clothing and sunscreen may be required for extensive outdoor use.

## 4 IMPORTANT HAZARDS



- Danger! Risk of amputation!** Never place hands or feet in the cutting area, especially when the cutting head is rotating.



- Danger! Risk of being hit with flying debris!** Always ensure the primary guard around the cutting head is correctly fitted.



- Remove any loose material before commencing work. Keep people and pets 15 meters away. Cease operation if anyone enters exclusion zone.



- Danger! Risk of slipping or tripping!** Take care on sloping ground, especially when wet.



- Danger! If blockage occurs, disable machine by removing battery before clearing blockage.**
- Danger! Cutting vegetation may result in sparks and fire.** Take care, especially around dry vegetation.

### ! DANGER!

- Never remove or tamper with the safety features of this machine, especially the guarding around the cutting head. If any of the safety features have been tampered with or are not functional, do not use this device.
- Stationary blades may still be sharp.
- Wear support harness where provided.
- Fatigue warning: Vibration and prolonged use may cause accidents from fatigue. Never operate this device if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any substance capable of impairing your abilities. You must be physically strong enough to operate this brush cutter. Minimum age 18 years.

### BATTERY WARNING:

Ensure Lithium-Ion batteries are stored so that battery terminals do not touch conductive material and do not arc or short-out. Keep batteries dry and away from direct sunlight. Never use a Li-ion battery if dropped from a height or immersed in water, or if it shows signs of visible damage or leakage.

## 5 WORK ZONE



**DANGER!** Risk of Amputation! Never place hands or feet in the cutting area. Never attempt to remove blockage while engine is running. Always disable machine by removing battery before clearing blockage.

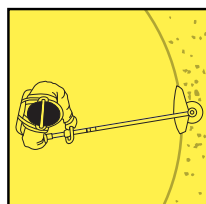
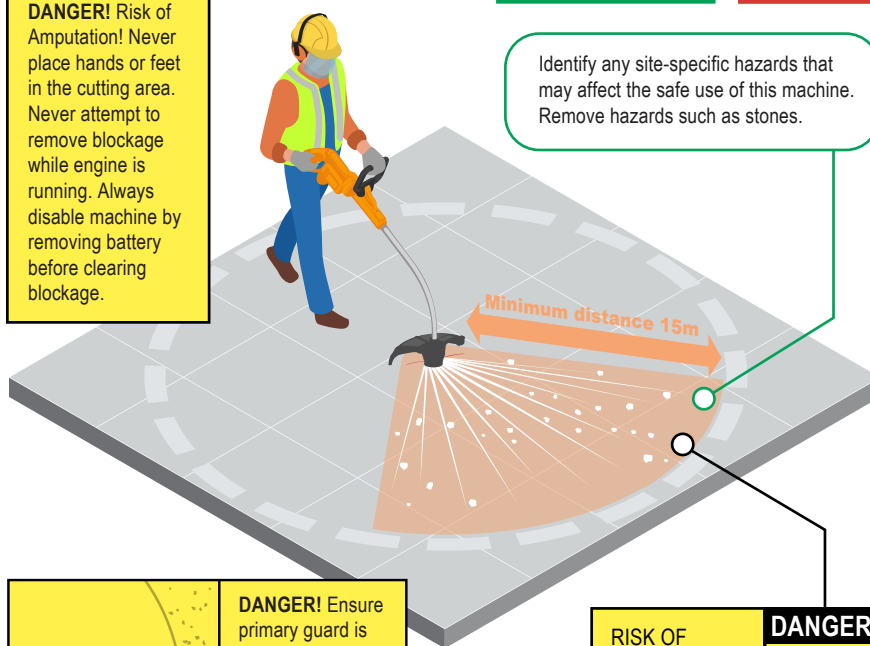
## WORK SITE PRECAUTIONS

- Before commencing work ensure everyone understands the site traffic management plan, emergency procedures, where to find a fire extinguisher or first aid kit, and that you can call 111 in an emergency.

FIRST AID KIT

IN EMERGENCY  
DIAL 111

Identify any site-specific hazards that may affect the safe use of this machine. Remove hazards such as stones.



**DANGER!** Ensure primary guard is correctly fitted and positioned to provide maximum shielding to operator.

RISK OF PROJECTILES!  
MINIMUM DISTANCE  
15 METRES

