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Welcome to the Hard Hat Training Series. Today, we're going to talk about the safe operation of lawn mowers. By the end, you should come away with an increased knowledge of both the national and personal standards required when working with these tools and have a good idea of what it means to be a responsible operator.



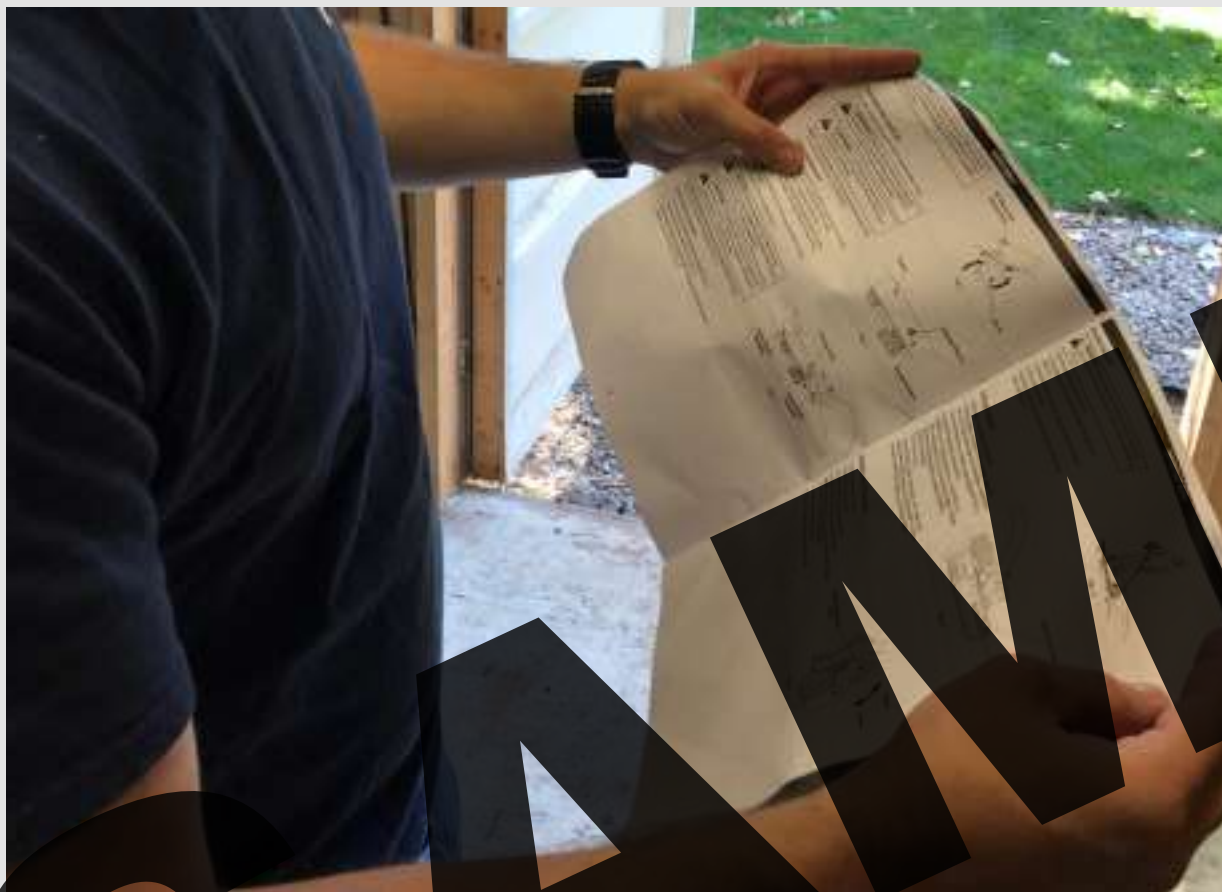
Landscaping is not just about making an area look “pretty.” It’s also creating a safe environment in which people can live and enjoy themselves. It promotes a clean, professional atmosphere wherein plants and grass can grow to their fullest potential.

As a child, you probably watched your dad in the front yard, whacking away at weeds or mowing the same patch of grass every Saturday morning. Of course, now that you are the operator, the first thing to understand is that working with lawn mowers is a responsibility, not a game. The bigger the machine, the greater the potential for damage, and the greater the need for responsible operators. With that in mind, the goal today is to focus on general safety principles and provide information that will increase your knowledge, make you a better operator, and keep you and those around you safe.



Due to mower-related accidents, more than 80,000 people every year go to the emergency room. Of that number, 600 are children who have to undergo amputations. In fact, mower accidents are the most common cause of major limb loss for children under the age of ten. These injuries, as well as those caused by inattentiveness with other landscaping tools, can be avoided through proper training and careful consideration of your surroundings.





Description	Stock No.	Part No.
Oil Filter	24603	BS-482822
Air Filter		BS-796031
Fuel Cleaner Element		BS-697015
Spark Plug	33430/95071	759-3336
Fuel Filter	33392	BS-394359S
Blades	33022	942-04308
Blade Nut		712-04174
Upper Drive Belt	34009	954-04290
Lower Drive Belt	47900	954-0467A
Deck Spindle Belt	33074	954-040608
Engine to Deck Belt		N/A
Deck Spindles		918-04023A
Ignition Keys	24690	125-04124
Solenoid		725-04439
Fuel Cap		951-12179A
Deck Wheels	33106	734-04155
Deck Wheel Kit	Included	323-0440A
Ball Joints		141-04000-0000
Wheel Bushings		N/A
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Safety Switch-Deck Chock		34032
Water Nozzle Adapter		

Parts available at most Sears Retail Stores and Service Centers or call 1-800-368-PART (7278) if you want the part sent directly to your home.

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Description	Stock No.
Mulch Kit	33748
	24618
	24611

During this presentation, we will take a look at the functionality and components of lawn mowers. We'll also show you why it's important to conduct a thorough inspection before using the equipment.

We will look at machine stability and the importance of knowing each lawn tool's capacity and working within those limits.





We'll emphasize the importance of planning each job and setting up the machine and site properly to avoid hazards and obstacles around the worksite.

And finally, we will touch on some of the more common hazards associated with lawn tools and discuss how to recognize, avoid, or minimize them.

At the completion of this training, you should be able to go out into the field well-equipped with the tools needed to be an effective and wise lawn care specialist. Your employer, colleagues, and those whom you serve will be highly satisfied with your abilities and competence, and you will rarely, if ever, find yourself in a position of danger or helplessness.



OSHA



ANSI

ASME

STANDARDS

29 CFR 1926.600 Equipment

29 CFR 1926.136 Foot Protection

29 CFR 1926.138 Hand Protection

29 CFR 1926 Subpart V- Rollover Protective Structures

29 CFR 1926.20, General Safety and Health Provisions, training

29 CFR 1926.21, Training and Education

OSHA Act of 1970, 5(a)(1): "each employer shall furnish to each of his employees...a place of employment which is free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees."

These are some of the main standards concerning lawn equipment, earth-moving operations, and the responsibility of properly training employees. Many states have additional standards, as do some industries. It is your responsibility to know all federal, state, local, and any company rules that apply to your machine and jobsite.



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LAWN MOWER

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Equipment operators also share in the responsibility to ensure that they and their co-workers have:

- Received training by a qualified person
- Read and understood the manufacturer's operating instructions and safety rules as found in the operator's manual
- Read and understood all decals, warnings, and capacity plates on the machine and attachments
- Performed a thorough pre-shift inspection each day prior to operating the machine



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