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| Rotating equipment |  | Flying debris causing eye/ body injury to user | H | Personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing available  and used as per manufacturer’s instructions  Shields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properly  Only use manufacturer’s recommended parts |  |  |  |  |
| Hand arm vibration | M | Avoid excessive periods of use |
| Eye/body injury to others in the vicinity | H | People kept away from operating areas  Only use manufacturer’s recommended parts- in particular never substitute with chain type flails |
| H | Area checked for stones, glass, metal and debris before starting |
|  |  | Cuts | M | Strimmer is used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions  Shields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properly  Engine is shut off before cleaning out clogged or stuck cutter |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity |  | Electrocution | H | Residual Circuit Device (RCD’s) on power supply in the case of electrically powered strimmers  Electric cables are free from defects  Extension sockets are suitable for outdoor use and potential exposure to wet |  |  |  |  |
| Defective equipment leading to injury |  | Electrocution Cuts  Injury to user/others | H | The equipment is inspected before use and serviced by a competent person |  |  |  |  |
| Working posture |  | Falls | M | Good balance and secure footing maintained when operating strimmer  Suitable footwear is worn |  |  |  |  |
| Noise |  | Hearing loss | H | Appropriate ear protection to be worn as necessary |  |  |  |  |

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| Petrol |  | Fire causing Burns | H | Petrol is stored in suitable container and dispensed in open air using funnel if necessary  No refueling takes place when engine is running |  |  |  |  |
| Hot surfaces (petrol driven machines) |  | Burns | M | Engine is refilled before starting work while the engine is cool  If refueling is required before the job is completed, operator waits for the engine to cool |  |  |  |  |

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken.

**Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

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