# **SAFE OPERATING GUIDELINES**

# **SAFE**MINISTRY **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