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| Rotating equipment |  | Flying debris causing eye/ body injury to user | H | Personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing availableand used as per manufacturer’s instructionsShields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properlyOnly 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 areasOnly 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 instructionsShields, guards, and other safety devices are in place and working properlyEngine 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 strimmersElectric cables are free from defectsExtension sockets are suitable for outdoor use and potential exposure to wet |  |  |  |  |
| Defective equipment leading to injury |  | Electrocution CutsInjury 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 strimmerSuitable 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 necessaryNo refueling takes place when engine is running |  |  |  |  |
| Hot surfaces (petrol driven machines) |  | Burns | M | Engine is refilled before starting work while the engine is coolIf 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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