

**ROTARY SLASHER – TRACTOR OPERATED**

**DO NOT use this machine unless a teacher has instructed you in its safe use and operation and has given permission.**

   

### **PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

1. **Operate only with roll over protection structure (ROPS) and seatbelt equipped tractors.**
2. **Ensure that all guards are fitted, secure and functional.**
3. **Ensure that the three-point linkage, securing pinions and safety chains are in sound condition.**
4. **Ensure that the blades and fasteners are in sound condition.**
5. **Ensure that hydraulic rams, hoses and couplings are in sound condition.**
6. **Ensure that the rotary slasher is attached according to manufacturer’s specification.**
7. **Faulty equipment must not be used. Report suspect machinery immediately.**

#### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. **Keep clear of moving machine parts.**
2. **Allow no passengers on tractor or rotary slasher.**
3. **Do not use rotary cutter with bystanders in area.**
4. **Be sure the transmission is out of gear and the mower blade clutch disengaged before starting the engine.**
5. **Allow moving parts on rotary slasher to stop before repair.**
6. **Securely support the mower before working underneath. Chock tractor wheels.**
7. **Lock up raised wings (where fitted) before transport.**
8. **Do not cut with raised wings (where fitted) in raised or transport position.**
9. **Before dismounting the tractor:**

* **Lower rotary cutter to ground and allow moving parts to stop.**
* **Stop engine and set brake.**
* **Remove key for unattended equipment.**

#### HOUSEKEEPING

1. **Remove any foreign material from blades, fasteners, guards and hydraulic rams.**
2. **Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.**

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

**◼ Rapidly rotating blades ◼ Noise**

**◼ Eye injuries ◼ Flying debris**

**This SOP should be used in conjunction with Curriculum Activity Risk Management Modules**

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