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Operating Instructions Plant/Plant Section:

according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and

Accident Prevention Regulations

VSG 3.1

# Mowing (lawn mower, overgrowth mower, sickle bar mower)

##  Dangers to Humans and the Environment

* Foreign objects flying through the air can cause injuries.
* Incision wound on contact with the cutting tool.
* Risk of burns from hot machine parts.
* Exhaust fumes, vibrations, noise, dusts.
* Leaking oils and fuels can endanger the environment.

###  Protective measures and rules of conduct

* Observe accident prevention regulation 3.1 and the operating instructions.
* The mowing equipment may only be operated by trained personnel.
* Wear safety shoes and ear protection if necessary when mowing.
* Use a safety filler neck for refuelling and do not smoke!
* When mowing always maintain a sufficient safety distance (refer to the information

provided by the manufacturer !) to other people.

* Foreign objects on the surface to be mowed must be removed beforehand.
* On embankments always mow across the slope. If there is a risk of slipping, the mower

is secured by a second person with a rope, carrying climbing irons if necessary.

* In the case of blockages, first stop the engine and wait until the cutting tool

has come to a standstill.

* The cutting height may only be adjusted when the tools are at a standstill.
* The mower unit must be switched off outside the area being cared for.
* Mowing equipment may only be transported when the engine has been switched off and the cutting tool has come to a standstill. Ensure that the load is adequately secured!

###  What to do in the case of danger or malfunctions

* Switch off the motor and wait for the tool to come to a stop.
* First remove the spark plug connector before working on the cutting tool.

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### What to do in the case of accidents, first aid

First aider: Mr/Ms .......................... Emergency call: 112

* Take immediate action at the scene of the accident.
* Call an ambulance/doctor.
* Inform the business owner/supervisor.

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### Maintenance

* Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions for servicing and maintenance.
* Before starting work, the safety and protective devices must be checked and the cutting tool inspected to ensure that it is in a proper condition.
* Repairs must only be performed by specialist personnel.

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Date Signature of the business operator

It is hereby confirmed that the contents of these operating instructions conform to the operating conditions and findings of the risk assessment.