
Overview

This standard covers assisting with the maintenance of grass surfaces under close supervision. The term 'assist with' is used to indicate that you will be working under supervision.

You will be working in accordance with instructions and specifications.

You will need to prepare and use tools and equipment (e.g. strimmers, pedestrian-controlled mowers, edging irons, edging shears), check that the grass surface is in a suitable condition for maintenance and carry out maintenance.

If you are working with chemicals or machinery you need to be appropriately trained or certificated in line with current legislation.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise any impact on the natural environment and enhance its nature, conservation and recreational value.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P2 prepare and use tools and equipment that are appropriate for the work safely and effectively
- P3 ensure that ground conditions and the grass surface are suitable for maintenance and for the type of tools and equipment you will be using
- P4 use methods for maintaining grass surfaces safely and in accordance with instructions
- P5 carry out the work so that the grass height and edge trimmings meet specifications
- P6 report any problems as soon as possible to the appropriate person
- P7 carry out work in a manner which prevents damage to the surrounding area
- P8 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
- P9 restore the site to a clean and tidy condition
- P10 clean and store tools and equipment safely

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K2 the conditions that are appropriate for maintaining grass surfaces
- K3 the correct tools and equipment for the work
- K4 how to prepare and use tools and equipment in a safe and effective condition
- K5 how to identify when the height of grass and finish of edges meets specifications
- K6 the potential impact of your work on the environment and how to minimise this
- K7 the importance of restoring the site to a clean and tidy condition
- K8 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K9 how to maintain and store the tools and equipment safely and effectively

Glossary

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines, customer requirements.

Instructions: verbal or written.

Maintenance methods include mowing, edging and watering. The final height of the grass should be 20 - 70mm.

Tools and equipment: hand tools, pedestrian-controlled powered equipment.

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