



EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Facilities Management

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Title: Hedge Trimmer PPE Policy

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Introduction

The importance of using hedge trimmers safely cannot be overstated. Prioritizing safety protects you, your property, and those around you. Using the right safety gear protects you from potential hazards. Personal injury risks can arise from improper handling and operation of hedge trimmers. Always wear protective gear, including gloves, safety glasses, and lower extremity protection to prevent cuts and lacerations.

Required Personal Protective Equipment When Using Hedge Trimmers

1. Safety glasses with side shields
2. Gloves
3. Lower extremity protection composed of one of the following:
 - a. Long pants with hedge trimmer chaps with knee pads
 - b. Long pants with trimmer safety trousers
 - c. Long pants with chain saw chaps

Scope

This policy applies to all Facilities Management employees.

Responsibilities

All Facilities Management employees are responsible for adhering to this policy. All Facilities Management directors and supervisors will ensure that their subordinates adhere to this policy. Facilities Management employees who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action for noncompliance with university policies.

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