

# RISK CONTROL CONSULTING

## Power Lawn Mowers

- Refer to the manufacture's manual for safety precautions
- Inspect mower for damage, defects and missing guards/shields BEFORE starting
- Confirm automatic shut-off is operational
- Always inspect the lawn for hazards such as drainpipes, deep holes, above ground roots and insect nests.
- Clear the area of debris, rocks, bottles and other items that could be ejected by the blades.
- Wear non-slip footwear and hearing protection
- Keep hands, feet away from the blades
- Mow at a diagonal up and down hills or steep slopes to avoid being struck by mower.
- Do not leave running mower unattended.

***NEVER Perform These Functions While the Motor is Running:***

- § Never reach under the mower – disconnect the spark plug wire before inspecting blades
- § Do not make wheel height adjustments
- § Do not remove grass catcher or unclog chutes
- § Do not refuel
- § While crossing gravel roads or areas

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