Dunchurch Allotment Association Health and Safety guidelines for machine use

It is the responsibility of the user to ensure they know how to operate the machine and to ask for guidance if unsure.

Wear protective clothing. shoes/boots, safety specs, ear defenders

Checks

All attachments, guards, nuts and bolts are tight. Fuel lines not leaking

Ensure you know how to start, stop and adjust the machine

When using

Allow machine to cool before refueling

Mowers

Push; don't pull mowers. Check for twigs, wire ,stones in the grass.

Switch off and use a stick to clear blocked grass in discharge chute.

Refuel with petrol

Detach spark plug lead when inspecting the blade.

Brush cutter/strimmer.

Wear a harness.

Keep cutting head away from posts, netting, fences, rocks

Keep well away from other people/animals

Stop if there is excessive vibration

Always operate two handed.

Refuel with two stroke

Hedge cutter

Ensure blade is lubricated

Both hands on the handles

Power down if blade gets stuck

Don't overreach or use above head height

Refuel with two stroke

Faults

Notify committee of faulty machines. Place **DO NOT USE** notice on faulty machines