

## Hedge Trimmer Safety

1. Wear proper protective clothing and equipment:
  - Clothing must be sturdy and snug-fitting but allow complete freedom of movement.
  - Avoid loose fitting jackets, scarves, neckties, jewelry or anything that could become entangled with the wood or brush. Confine long hair.
  - Wear steel toed boots with nonslip soles.
  - Wear safety glasses or eye protection.
  - Wear hearing protection.
  - Wear heavy-duty nonslip gloves.
  - Wear an approved safety hard hat for work where there is a danger of head injuries.
2. Always shut off the engine when moving hedge trimmer to a different location. Always fit scabbard of the blades, even for short distances.
3. Carry the unit by the front handle – hot muffler away from your body – the cutting blades must be behind you.
4. Always shut off engine before refueling.
5. Never run indoors or in poorly ventilated areas, ensure proper ventilation when working in trenches, hollows or other confined locations as the tool produces toxic exhaust fumes that can cause respiratory problems.
6. Always hold tool firmly with both hands and make sure you have safe footing and hold trimmer so blades are clear of your body.



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7. Cutting blades will continue to run for a short period of time after you let go of throttle trigger.
8. Never work on a ladder or any other insecure support. Do not work above shoulder length and never operate with one hand.
9. Do not touch the sharpened edges of the cutting blades. They are extremely sharp and dangerous at all times. Always wear gloves to help protect your hands and fingers from injury.
10. Make sure cutting blades are moving before actual cutting begins – hedge trimmer works best at full throttle.