

TDM.03.01 Operation of Power Equipment Other than Chainsaws on the Trail Policy**Intent**

To ensure that persons using power equipment other than chainsaws in the construction and maintenance of the Bruce Trail do so in a safe manner, thereby minimizing risk of injury and associated liability to the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) and its affiliated clubs.

Policy

1. This policy applies to volunteers and employees of the BTC. All volunteers and employees who use power equipment will be made aware of this policy.
2. All users of power equipment shall operate the equipment as per the manufacturer's users' manual.
3. All operators of power equipment shall use appropriate safety equipment and protective clothing as defined in procedure below.
4. All brush cutters must use string not steel blades.

Definition

Power equipment other than chainsaws includes string trimmers, brush cutters, and any other equipment that is powered by gasoline or electricity. For the policy on operation of chainsaws, see BTC policy, TDM.04.01 Operation of Chainsaws and Training Policy.

Procedure

1. In the case of brush cutters, appropriate safety equipment consists of a minimum of:
 - Class E hard hat with face shield and ear protection
 - Sturdy and well-fitting overalls, jeans or long pants.
 - Heavy-duty, non-slip gloves.
2. In the case of string trimmers, appropriate safety equipment consists of a minimum of:
 - Eye and ear protection
 - Long pants