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ACTIVITY LOCATION	<b>ALL SITES</b>	DATE FOR RE-ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED BY
persons at risk: all volunteers; especially young persons risk level: generally moderate except as indicated			<b>GRASSROOTS</b>

<b>VOLUNTEER INFORMATION</b>	<b>Contact with moving line</b> <b>Exhaust fumes</b> <b>Fatigue and vibration</b> <b>Fire</b> <b>Flying debris</b> <b>Noise</b> <b>Occupational dermatitis</b> <b>Burning hands/arm on hot exhaust</b>
<b>HAZARD/HAZARDOUS EVENT</b>	<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>
Contact with moving line	Do not operate if there is anybody within a 15m radius of the machine Hazard warning and no entry signs must be displayed on the entrances to worksite at all times If there is a risk of the public approaching unknowingly post a lookout able to halt work Operator must be trained and competent in machinery use Engine must be stopped before any cleaning or maintenance is done
Exhaust fumes	Do not run machine indoors Ensure equipment is in good condition and maintained according to manufacturer's instructions
Fatigue and vibration	Adjust harness and handles for comfortable use before beginning work Ensure maintenance as above including frequent checks of anti-vibration mountings Take 10 minute break after every tank of fuel used; take 30 minutes break after three consecutive tanks Wear close fitting clothing that will not obstruct or get entangled
Flying debris	Long trousers/sturdy footwear/impact resistant goggles[ BS EN 166]/gloves must be worn at all times of operation Clear ground of obvious debris before beginning work Ensure all machine guards are properly fitted and in good condition Exclude others from 15 metres radius as above Cuts must be made from right to left and away from feet

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Noise	In all circumstances operator must wear ear defenders whilst using the machine For prolonged use a noise assessment should be undertaken
Occupational dermatitis	Avoid skin/eye contact with sap and other plant materials by wearing Long trousers/sturdy footwear impact resistant goggles[ BS EN 166]/gloves Wear protective gloves when mixing/filling with petrol/oil and when cleaning machine Wash skin/irrigate eyes with clean water thoroughly without delay if contact does occur
Burning hands/arm on hot exhaust	Do not work on or do maintenance to engine until exhaust has been allowed to cool
Fire	Do not smoke or use naked flame within 30 metres of equipment Do not work near to a bonfire Allow machine to cool down before refuelling Use a quick release harness