

STIHL LONG HANDLE HEDGE TRIMMER

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND WORKING TECHNIQUES

STARTING

On machines with an adjustable cutter bar: Secure the cutter bar in the starting position. If this starting position is not the desired cutting position, you will then need to carefully adjust the machine to the desired position once the engine has returned to idle and the blades are no longer moving.

On machines with a defined transport position (cutter bar folded against the drive tub): NEVER start the machine in the transport position, since the blades are not engaged in that position and you therefore cannot visually check to see that they will be stopped at idle when you start to adjust the cutter bar to the desired butting position (where the blades are engaged).

Start the engine at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the fueling spot, outdoors only.

WARNING!

To reduce the risk of injury from blade contact, be absolutely sure that the cutting tool is clear of you and all other obstructions and objects, including the ground, because when the engine starts at starting-throttle, engine speed will be fast enough for the clutch to engage and move the blades on the cutting tool.

With the engine running only at idle, attach the power tool to the spring hook of your harness.

WARNING!

Your power tool is a one-person machine. Do not allow other persons in the general work area, even when starting.

DURING OPERATION

Holding and controlling the power tool

Always hold the unit firmly with both hands on the handles while you are working. Wrap your fingers and thumbs around the handles.

Your right hand should grip the rear handle. This also applies to left-handers.

During Operation

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WARNING!

Never attempt to operate your power tool with one hand. Loss of control of the power tool resulting in serious or fatal injury may result. To reduce the risk of cut injuries, keep hands and feet away from the cutting tool. Never touch a moving cutting tool with your hand or any other part of your body.

WARNING!

Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Special care must be taken in slippery conditions (wet ground, snow) and in difficult, overgrown terrain. Watch for hidden obstacles such as tree stumps, roots and ditches to avoid stumbling. For better footing, clear away fallen branches, scrub and cutting. Be extremely cautious when working on slopes or uneven ground.

WARNING!

To reduce the risk of injury from loss of control, never work on a ladder, in a tree or any other insecure support. Never hold the machine above shoulder height.

Working conditions

Operate and start your power tool only outdoors in a well ventilated area. Operate it under good visibility and daylight conditions only. Work carefully.

WARNING!

If the vegetation being cut or the surrounding ground is coated with a chemical substance (such as an active pesticide or herbicide), read and follow the instructions and warnings that accompanied the substance at issue.

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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING!

Do not operate your power tool using the starting throttle lock, as you do not have control of the engine speed.

In the event of an emergency, switch off the engine immediately – move the slide control/stop switch to **O** or **STOP**

WARNING!

The cutter blades continue to move for a short period after the throttle trigger is released (flywheel effect). Accelerating the engine while the blades are blocked increases the load and will cause the clutch to slip continuously. This may result in overheating and damage to important components (e.g. clutch, polymer housing components) – which can then increase the risk of injury from the blades moving while the engine is idling.

WARNING!

On units with an adjustable cutter bar: To reduce the risk of injury, never touch the blades while making adjustments.

The power tool has a large range. In order to reduce the risk of personal or even fatal injury to bystanders from falling objects or inadvertent contact with the moving cutter blades of your power tool always keep bystanders at least 50 feet (15m) away when the power tool is running.

Stop the engine and cutting tool immediately if you are approached.

WARNING!

Before you start work, examine the hedge area for stones, fence wire, metal or other solid objects which could damage the cutter blades.

Take particular care when cutting hedges next to or against wire fences. Do not touch the wire with the cutting blades. When working close to the ground, make sure that no sand, grit or stones get between the cutter blades.

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Striking solid foreign objects such as stones, fence wire or metal could damage the cutting attachment and may cause blades to crack, chip or break. STIHL does not recommend the use of your power tool when cutting in areas where the blades could contact such objects.

WARNING!

Observe the cutting blades at all times – do not cut any areas of the hedge that you cannot see. When cutting the top of a taller hedge, check the other side of the hedge frequently for bystanders, animals and obstruction.

DANGER!

Your power tool is not insulated against electric shock. To reduce the risk of electrocution, never operate this power tool in the vicinity of any wires or cables (power, etc) which may be carrying electric current.

WARNING!

If the cutting tool becomes clogged or stuck, always turn off the engine and make sure the cutting tool has stopped before cleaning. Grass, weeds, etc. should be cleaned off the cutting tool at regular intervals.

Check the cutting blades at regular short intervals during operation, or immediately if there is a noticeable change in cutting behavior:

- Shut of the engine
- Wait until the cutting blades have come to a complete standstill
- Check condition and tightness, look for cracks.
- Check sharpness
- Contact EZE Rent-it to Report any Damages.

WARNING!

The gearbox becomes hot during operation. To reduce the risk of burn injury, do not touch the gear housing when it is hot.

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