

**CULTIVATOR – THREE-POINT LINKAGE ATTACHED**

**DO NOT use this machine unless a teacher has instructed you in its safe use and operation, and has given permission.**

   

### **PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

1. **Ensure that all guards are fitted, secure and functional.**
2. **Faulty equipment must not be used. Report suspect machinery immediately.**
3. **Ensure that the three point linkage is attached to manufacturer’s specification.**
4. **Ensure that the tines are in sound condition.**
5. **Ensure that the depth control wheel or wheels are in sound condition.**
6. **Check the tyre pressure.**
7. **Ensure that the perimeter guards are in sound condition.**

#### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. **Keep clear of moving machine parts.**
2. **Ensure that the three point linkage, pinions and safety chains are in sound condition.**
3. **Ensure that the hydraulic rams, hoses and couplings are in sound condition.**
4. **Ensure that the depth control wheel or wheels are functioning.**
5. **Ensure that the tines are spaced correctly and operating to manufacturer’s specification.**
6. **Ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating the equipment.**

#### HOUSEKEEPING

1. **Ensure that you remove any foreign material from tines, guards and spacers.**
2. **Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.**

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

**◼ Moving components**

**◼ Noise**

**◼ Loose clothing entanglement**

**This SOP should be used in conjunction with Curriculum Activity Risk Management Modules**

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