



EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Facilities Management

Policy Number: 900.3

Title: Hedge Trimmer PPE Policy

Implementation Date: July, 2023

Introduction

Outdoor workers are at a higher risk of being bitten or stung by bees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, fire ants and spiders. Some insect bites and stings can cause an immediate reaction, sometimes severe; however, most bites and stings only cause moderate discomfort.

Required PPE When Using Hedge Trimmers

1. Safety glasses with side shields
2. Gloves
3. Lower extremity protection composed of one of the following:
 - a. Long pants with hedge trimmer chaps with knee pads
 - b. Long pants with trimmer safety trousers
 - c. Long pants with chain saw chaps

Scope

This policy applies to all Facilities Management employees.

Responsibilities

All Facilities Management employees are responsible for adhering to this policy. All Facilities Management directors and supervisors will ensure that their subordinates adhere to this policy. Facilities Management employees who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action for noncompliance with university policies.

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