

<b>TASK</b>	Edger					
<b>HAZARDS</b>	Flying debris	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat / cold	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cuts / laceration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rollover	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pinch / crush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noise / vibration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plant interaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
	High pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kickback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PPE REQUIRED</b>						

**PRE-START CHECKS**

1. Ensure all personnel are trained and authorized to operate the edger.
2. Inspect the edger for any visible damage, loose components, or signs of wear.
3. Check that the cutting blades are sharp, properly aligned, and securely fastened.
4. Verify that the workpiece is properly positioned and secured on the edger bed.
5. Ensure that the power cord is in good condition and that the power switch is functioning correctly.
6. Confirm that fire extinguishing equipment is readily available in case of emergency.

**SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE**

1. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including safety glasses, hearing protection, and gloves.
2. Start up the edger according to manufacturer's instructions, ensuring that all safety interlocks are engaged.
3. Position the workpiece on the edger bed, ensuring that it is properly aligned with the cutting blades.
4. Adjust the depth and feed rate of the edger as necessary for the desired cut.
5. Start the edger and allow it to reach full speed before engaging the cutting blades.
6. Feed the workpiece into the edger with a steady, controlled motion, keeping hands and fingers away from the cutting area.
7. Use push sticks or other tools to guide the workpiece through the edger, especially when close to the cutting area.
8. Be aware of any unusual noises or vibrations during operation and stop the edger immediately if necessary.
9. If any issues or errors occur during operation, stop the edger immediately and troubleshoot the problem before resuming.

**POST-OPERATION PROCEDURE**

1. Turn off the edger and wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.
2. Inspect the cut and the workpiece for any defects or issues, reporting any problems to the appropriate personnel.
3. Clean up the work area, removing any wood chips or debris from the edger and surrounding area.
4. Store the edger accessories and tools in a designated area, ensuring they are protected from damage and unauthorized use.