

Hedge Trimmers (electric)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- **Eye Protection:** Wear safety goggles to protect against flying debris.
- **Hand Protection:** Use heavy-duty work gloves, ideally made of durable material like leather.
- **Head Protection:** Wear a hard hat if there's a risk of falling objects. A face shield is also recommended.
- **Body Protection:** Wear long sleeves and pants to protect against scratches and debris.
- **Foot Protection:** Wear sturdy, non-slip shoes or safety boots with a non-slip sole for secure footing.
- **Clothing:** Avoid loose clothing and jewellery, as they can get caught in the blades.

Work Area and Operations

- **Clear the area:** Check for and remove any loose branches, debris, or other obstructions that could jam the blades or cause a trip hazard.
- **Keep others away:** Ensure children and pets are a safe distance away from the work area.
- **Check for hazards:** Stay at least 15m (50 feet) away from overhead electrical cables.
- **Stable footing:** Ensure a firm and stable footing at all times. It is not recommended to use this hedge trimmer while standing on a ladder.
- **Electrical:** for corded (mains powered) models, use a ELCB (earth leakage) trip device, do not connect directly to the mains socket.
- **Avoid the rain:** Do not use the trimmer in the rain, especially electric models, as it is dangerous.
- **Use both hands:** Always hold the trimmer with both hands for full control.
- **Be aware of the cord:** Keep the cord well clear of the cutting path and away from your feet to prevent tripping or accidental cutting.

Maintenance and other safety tips

- **Pre-operation check:** Make sure the equipment is in good working order and all safety devices are in place before you start.
- **Be in good condition:** Do not use the trimmer if you are not in good physical condition or are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- **Transport:** Secure the machine during transportation and ensure the blade scabbard is on when not in use.