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TRACTOR & ROTARY SLASHER — QUICK SAFETY GUIDE

Equipment: Kubota B3150SU 4WD tractor with 1.2 m rotary slasher **Use:** Grass and light vegetation cutting

KEY HAZARDS & HOW TO CONTROL THEM

ROLLOVER / UNEVEN GROUND	Inspect the area before starting. Avoid steep slopes, side slopes, soft ground, holes, stumps and unstable edges. Travel slowly, keep turns gradual and never make sudden changes of direction. Keep the ROPS upright and always wear the seatbelt.
ROTATING BLADES / PTO	Keep well clear of the slasher, blades and PTO shaft. All guards must be fitted and secure. Never reach under the slasher, step over a rotating PTO shaft or remove guards. Blades may continue turning after the PTO is disengaged.
FLYING DEBRIS / BYSTANDERS	Remove rocks, wire, branches and other loose objects where possible. Keep people and animals well away from the tractor and the area where debris may be thrown. Stop the PTO and engine if anyone approaches. Never cut where visibility is poor.
BLOCKAGES / ADJUSTMENTS	Disengage PTO, stop the tractor, lower the slasher to the ground, apply the park brake, switch off the engine and remove the key. Wait until every moving part has stopped before checking, clearing or maintaining the machine. Never rely on hydraulics alone.
PRE-START / DEFECTS	Check tyres, brakes, steering, fluids, seatbelt, ROPS, guards, blades, attachment pins and PTO shaft/guard. Confirm the slasher is securely attached. Do not operate if anything is damaged, loose, missing or leaking; contact Barossa Valley Hire.
FIRE / OVERHEAD HAZARDS	Keep dry grass and debris clear of the engine and exhaust. Check for low branches, sheds, fences and overhead powerlines; maintain required clearances. Do not operate during prohibited fire conditions and follow local fire restrictions.
TRANSPORT / LOADING	Use a trailer, ramps and restraints rated for the equipment. Load and unload on firm, level ground using safe procedures. Keep people clear of the loading area and crush zones. Secure the tractor and attachment before transport.

OPERATING RULES

• Only competent operators should use the equipment. Read and follow the tractor and slasher manuals. • **Wear the seatbelt whenever operating the tractor.** Keep the ROPS upright. • No passengers; keep hands and feet inside the operator area. • Wear sturdy footwear, eye protection and hearing protection; tie back long hair and avoid loose clothing. • Start, operate and stop from the driver's seat. Use a speed suited to the terrain and vegetation. • Stop immediately if you hear unusual noises, feel vibration, hit an object or notice a fault.

EMERGENCY STOP / SAFE SHUTDOWN

STOP WORK → PTO OFF → TRACTOR STOPPED → SLASHER LOWERED → PARK BRAKE ON → ENGINE OFF → KEY OUT → WAIT FOR ALL MOVEMENT TO STOP

If you are unsure how to operate a control or the equipment does not seem safe, stop and contact Barossa Valley Hire. This quick guide does not replace the operator manuals, training or assessment of site conditions.