

## **SAFETY STATEMENT**

Safety is the foundation of the Landscape Industry Certified program. A technician worthy of the designation must practice safe methods in everything he/she does to guard against injury to himself/herself or others. The machinery, materials used in the landscape industry can be deadly in the wrong hands. A moment's inattention can result in severe consequences. The statement is included at the beginning of every module to remind the candidate and the judges that safety is paramount.

### **Landscape Industry Certified - Exterior Safety Statement**

The safe use of tools and equipment includes, but is not limited to, the use of any tool or equipment in a manner that keeps all persons free from any harm or risk to health and welfare and all property free from unintended damage. Safe use of tools and equipment shall ensure that no harm, threat, or danger to people or property is experienced or perceived by any observer of the operator. Safe use of tools and equipment shall include the understanding and following of all items as stated in the appropriate manufacturer's operators manuals or catalogues, state or provincial and federal regulations, and trade practices including using the tools or equipment for their intended purpose and observing all personal protective equipment and safety requirements.

Safe use of tools includes, but is not limited to, good housekeeping practices such as: maintaining a tidy and orderly work site, having waste and debris in appropriate collection receptacles, storing hand tools properly whether in use or not, (i.e., rakes placed with tines down, shovels placed with blades down, pruners sheathed or locked when not in use, etc.), maintaining clear pedestrian paths with tools stored in such a manner as not to cause potential trip hazards or other unforeseen dangers.

Safe use of equipment includes, but is not limited to, the following practices: only operating equipment that has been thoroughly inspected by operator and in operator's best judgment is deemed serviceable for its intended use; never leaving a running piece of equipment unattended; fueling only when engine is cool and not running; maintaining a clean work area free of debris and litter; starting equipment in the manufacturer's recommended state (such as clutches engaged or disengaged, transmissions in neutral, power take-off disengaged, etc.); staying alert for problems with the surrounding terrain; being aware of all pedestrian activity around the operating area and shutting-off and parking or storing equipment per manufacturer's recommendations.

Note: In all cases throughout Landscape Industry Certified Technician tests, where a manufacturer's manual states an item is "recommended", it shall be interpreted to mean "required".

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Code of Conduct was developed to heighten awareness of the meaning of being certified. There is more involved than simply scoring well enough to pass the test.

When a person is identified as "certified", the customer expects better workmanship, greater reliability and honest dealings. He expects a person who is fully trained and up-to-date on the latest developments in the industry.

This code is provided to every person when they are awarded the Landscape Industry Certified designation, with the hope that they will read it and abide by the concepts expressed.

**Alcohol and Drug use is prohibited. If any individual is deemed under the influence of either substance they will be immediately disqualified and asked to leave the Test site.**

**Cheating is unacceptable and will not be tolerated on either the written or practical test. Cheaters will be disqualified and asked to leave the test site.**