

Pre-Operating Section

2.6 WORK SITE PREPARATION

WARNING

Never place any part of the body under or behind guards or any other visually obscured area.

Making sure the leaves are clear of possible dangerous material is critical to safe vacuuming. Vacuuming up metal, glass, rocks or other dangerous material CAN cause serious damage to the equipment or personal injury.

The following guidelines must be followed to insure safety.

1. An inspection of the leaves to be vacuumed must be done prior to the vacuuming process. We realize that it is impossible to completely inspect every inch of leaves being vacuumed, but it is imperative that all leaves be inspected for obvious dangerous material before vacuuming.
2. The operator should never be in the line of traffic, the operator should work on the shoulder whenever possible.
3. The operators should place cones or other barriers to provide adequate warnings to vehicles and pedestrians that vacuuming is in progress.
4. Confirm that all operators are wearing proper clothes and personal protective equipment.
5. Restrict all personnel, except the operator from the area near the leaf vacuum. **DO NOT** allow pedestrians, children or animals near the work area.
6. Make sure that the exhaust hose fits properly into the box container so that all debris is blown into the box container.