

**417th Base Support Battalion**

## **S A F E T Y   B U L L E T I N**

### **Common Safety Practices for all Mowers & Weed Eaters**

- \* Always wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes or boots and close-fitting slacks and shirts.
- \* Always inspect and clear the area before mowing: Rake away wires, cans, rocks and twigs before you start mowing.
- \* Always wear hearing protection when using all lawn-cutting equipment. The noise level can damage your hearing.
- \* Always wear safety goggles/glasses. Remember that many mowing accidents result in eye injuries.
- \* Never put your hands or feet near moving parts, especially blades, while the engine is running.
- \* Keep other people, especially small children and pets, away from the mowing area.
- \* Do not perform preventive maintenance with the engine running.
- \* Never leave a running mower unattended.
- \* Mix and pour fuel outdoors and in areas where there are no sparks or flames.
- \* Only use a container, which has been approved for holding or transporting fuel.
- \* Do not smoke or allow smoking near fuel or while refueling.
- \* Wipe up all fuel spills before starting any engine.
- \* Stop engine before removing the fuel cap.