HAZARDS:
- Manual handling injuries
- Noise levels
- Exhaust fumes
- Vibrations
- Hot engine components
- Flammable fuel

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT & EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:
- Hearing protection
- Dust mask
- Protective footwear
- Sun (UV) protection for outdoor work

BEFORE YOU START:
- Check compactors fuel level, oil level, air filter
- Check area for an potential obstacles or hazards
- Ensure that no flammable gasses or in the area

ALWAYS .................
- Use assistance to lift the compactor
- Ensure the is not a confined space or a potential confined space
- Ensure you are wearing your PPCE
- Ensure that the machine has cooled before hosing down

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### JOB STEPS

- Fuel compactor (if required) and remove fuel container back to store before starting
- Turn fuel on (lever down)
- Close choke and place throttle at idle
- Pull rope start in a smooth action, keeping knees bent and back straight
- Once started, open choke and allow to warm up
- Move throttle quickly to full position
- Let compactor plane along by itself, using the handles to steer the machine along.
- Bring the machine back to idle to stay stationary or when travelling over compacted or solid ground.
- Work progressively over the area to be compacted, to prevent the machine from ‘digging in’.
- Spray area with water to suppress dust and to aid with compaction.

### WHEN YOU FINISH

- Allow compactor to idle for a few seconds before pressing the stop button.
- Ensure the stop button is depressed until the motor is completely stopped.
- Once the motor has cooled the machine can be cleaned.
- Place the machine in a secured area and back to store.
- Report any faults

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