



## Chainsaws

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| Possible Hazards Present   | Personal Protection Required  | Additional Training  |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cuts/lacerations</li> <li>- Flying debris</li> <li>- Hearing loss</li> <li>- Flammable materials</li> <li>- Sprains or strains</li> </ul>   | CSA approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- footwear</li> <li>- hard hat</li> <li>- face shield/eyewear</li> <li>- hearing protection</li> <li>- chain saw chaps</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WHMIS</li> <li>- Power tool safety</li> <li>- Safe fueling</li> </ul> |                  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure the worker has been properly trained</li> <li>2. Workers must read and understand the operator's manual before operating the chain saw.</li> <li>3. Check the chainsaw before each use for defective or dull chains, chain tension, guards and shields, fluid levels, proper lubrication.</li> <li>4. Wear required PPE at all times.</li> <li>5. Always use both hands when starting the saw. Grip the top handle with one hand and pull the rope quickly with the other hand.</li> <li>6. Always start it on the ground or on a stable clear surface, never hold it mid air.</li> <li>7. Never force the saw through a cut. If properly sharpened and adjusted it will nearly cut through the piece by itself.</li> <li>8. Always watch for blade pinching situations. Cut branches at the base of the blade; do not saw with the tip of the blade.</li> <li>9. Use a high chain speed for all cuts.</li> <li>10. Keep the saw teeth sharp so they will cut, dull teeth are more likely to cause a kick back.</li> <li>11. Always cut below shoulder height.</li> <li>12. Don't stand on a log and cut between your feet.</li> <li>13. Always stand to the side of the material you are cutting, branches, etc.</li> <li>14. Do not make adjustments to a running saw.</li> <li>15. Be aware where the chain will go if it breaks. Never position yourself or others in line with the chain.</li> <li>16. Keep the chain out of dirt. Debris will fly and the teeth will be dulled.</li> <li>17. Refuel in well ventilated areas when the machine has cooled down.</li> <li>18. Use a bar guard when transporting &amp; never carry in a passenger compartment.</li> <li>19. <b>REPORT ANY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS TO THE SUPERVISOR.</b></li> </ol> |   |  |                  |



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| <p><b>Documentation/Legislation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Operators manual</li><li>- Part 40, Forestry and Arboriculture</li></ul> | <p><b>This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed anytime the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum every three years.</b></p> |
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