



SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Use of Chain Saws
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with use of chain saw
APPLICATION	Chain saws are primarily used in logging industry and to some extent in construction environment
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Workers must be trained in safe use of chain saws Use proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) ERP (Emergency Response Plan) Use as per manufacturers specifications
SELECTION AND USE	As per manufacturers safe job procedures.
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	This training must include a minimum of the following elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn is set out in the manufacturer and Occupational Health & Safety Legislation.2. Ensure that the chain brake is functioning properly and adequately stops the chain.3. The chain must be sharp, have the correct tension and be adequately lubricated.4. The correct methods of starting, holding, carrying or storage and use of the saw as directed by the manufacturer must be used.5. The chain saw must not be used for cutting above shoulder height.6. Fueling must be done in a well-ventilated area and not while the saw is running or hot.7. An approved safety container must be used to contain the fuel used along with a proper spout or funnel for pouring.8. When carrying/transporting a chain saw the bar guard must be in place, the chain bar must be toward the back and the motor must be shut off.9. Follow Chainsaw Safe Work Procedures step by step.
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