



SAFETY REMINDER

Chainsaws

DO

- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) including safety footwear with chainsaw protection, leg protection, protective headwear, hearing and eye protection.
- Have suitable first aid supplies, a pressure bandage and a fire extinguisher or round point shovel readily available.
- Ensure the chainsaw is equipped with an adequate chain brake, safety chain and chain catcher.
- Start the saw when it is cold by holding it against a solid object below waist level.
- Stand on a solid base with both feet on the ground while operating the saw.
- Remove all standing dead trees from the work area.
- When felling a tree, properly notch and back-cut the tree.
- Use a felling lever or wedge, as required.
- As soon as the tree starts to fall, move 3 metres at a 45 degree angle away from the direction of the falling tree.
- Stop the motor before adjusting the chain and before carrying the chainsaw from one location to another.
- Ensure there is a clear path of retreat to safety before starting to fell a tree.

DO NOT

- Work alone.
- Use a defective saw until it has been repaired.
- Start a saw by pulling on the cord while the other hand engages the throttle mechanism.
- Refuel a saw from a glass container or while the engine is operating or near any source of ignition.
- Operate a saw with only one hand.
- Operate a saw above shoulder height.
- Position a chainsaw directly in front of the operator.
- Girdle trees.
- Leave a partially cut tree standing.
- Leave lodged trees unattended until they are removed or the area around them is marked as hazardous.
- Climb on or work under a felled tree.
- Use the tip of the chainsaw guidebar for delimiting.
- Delimit a tree from the downhill side.

