

	CHAIN SAW USE	Date:
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Use of Chain Saws

Hazards

- Amputation of limbs. Severe operator/assistant lacerations

Controls and precautions to be observed during this work

- All chainsaw operators should have received formal training
- Before using a chainsaw carry out the following checks:
 - ✓ Check guards are in place, in good condition and secure.
 - ✓ Check chain brake operation (if fitted)
 - ✓ Check throttle and interlock for serviceability.
- Ensure you have the required PPE and that it is serviceable. This must include leggings
- Always engage the chain brake and place saw on a secure surface clear of any obstructions before starting.
- Never make adjustments to the chainsaw whilst it is running
- Never place any part of your body in the saw's line of cut
- Before moving with the chainsaw, switch it off, (apply the chain brake), and fit the scabbard over the chain. Carry by front handle with chain facing rearwards
- Maintain a firm grip, using both hands, on the chainsaw when in operation.
- Stop saw motor before fuelling
- Check for fuel leakage and ensure fuel cap is correctly replaced
- Refuel chainsaws in well-ventilated areas and at least 3 metres away from where you are going to use the chainsaw

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