

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD**

**TRAINING TITLE CHAINSAW**

**KEY TEACHING POINTS**

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

- Hard hat
- Safety boots/shoes
- Snug fitting clothing
- Leg protection is required for all ground level chain saw operation.
- Hearing protection
- **JEWELRY IS PROHIBITED**
  - Eye protection

**SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES**

- Review safe practice rules for applicable equipment (including rental equipment) and perform pre-operational checks.
- Always use the following precautions when handling fuel and refueling:
  - Always store gasoline in an approved container. Do not smoke while handling fuel.
  - Always stop the engine to refuel the tank.
  - Beware of static electricity and sparks between saw and fuel cans (metal and plastic).
  - Avoid spilling fuel or oil. Spilled fuel should always be wiped up.
  - Do not remove fuel tank cap when the engine is running.
  - Move the chain saw at least 10 feet from the fueling point before starting the engine.
- Before you start the engine, make sure the saw chain is not contacting any object. Operate the chain saw only in well ventilated areas. Do not operate a chain saw unless you have been trained and qualified to do so. Do not operate if fatigued
- Never start the chain saw until you are at the location where you intend to use the saw.
- Do not allow other persons to be near the chain saw when starting or cutting. Keep bystanders and animals out of the work area. Never start cutting until you have a clear work area and secure footing.
- Always hold the chain saw firmly with both hands when the engine is running. Use a firm grip with thumb and fingers encircling the chain saw handles. Keep all parts of the body away from the saw chain when the engine is running.
- Do not operate a chain saw that is damaged, improperly adjusted or not completely and securely assembled. Be sure that the saw chain stops moving when the throttle control trigger is released.
- Do not cut with the chain saw above your head to guard against kickback and to help prevent back injuries.
- Always shut off the engine before setting down a saw.
- Use extreme caution when cutting small size brush and saplings because slender material may catch the saw chain and be whipped toward you or pull you off balance.
- When cutting a limb that is under tension, be alert for spring back so that you will not be stuck when the tension in the wood fibers is released.
- All saws shall be equipped with a spark arrestor, when required.

**KICKBACK**

Kickback may occur when the nose or tip of the guide bar touches an object. Or when the wood closes in and pinches the chain saw in the cut. Tip contact in some cases may cause a lightning fast reverse reaction, kicking the guide bar up and back toward the operator. Pinching the saw chain along the top of the guide bar may push the guide bar rapidly back toward the operator. Either of these reactions may cause you to lose control of the saw which could result in severe personal injury. Only use replacement bars and chains specified by the manufacturer.

**TEST**

QUESTION	ANSWERS	
	TRUE	FALSE
1 Before you start the engine, make sure the saw chain is not contacting any object.		
2 Spark arrestors are never required		
3 Always shut off the engine before setting down a saw.		
4 Never start the chain saw until you are at the location where you intend to use the saw.		
5 Keep bystanders and animals out of the work area.		
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SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE

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