

Work Instruction:

Operating Chainsaws/Brushcutters

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Purpose

To provide an instruction on how to use Chainsaws / Brushcutters safely.

Equipment Required

- Chain saw
- Chain saw safety mitt
- Chainsaw chaps
- Helmet
- Eye protection
- Steel capped footwear (preferable)

Training

- Every operator must hold appropriate unit standards in this area, or must be working towards the appropriate unit standard.

Pre-Start Checklist

- Fuel (make sure fuel is mixed)
- Chain bar lubricant
- General condition - no loose parts, missing or cracked covers, chain is at correct tension, saw is sharp, safety mitt is in place

Operation

- Operator must wear chain saw helmet, ear protection, eye protection, chainsaw chaps
- Ensure chain brake is working correctly.
- Ensure the correct starting procedure is used (NO drop starting)
- Do not operate above shoulder height.
- Be aware of your bar tip location at all times.
- Saw not to be used if chain is running at idle.