

## Equipment Safe Work Instruction

# Chainsaw

**DO NOT** use this machine unless you are authorised or have been instructed in its safe use and operation.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Debris	Laceration	Noise
Entanglement		

### PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Eye Protection	Hearing Protection	Protective clothing
Steel capped boots	Long hair restrained	

### PRE-OPERATION

- Ensure good housekeeping in work area
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery
- Inspect equipment before use, for damaged parts, cords chain tension, fluid levels and proper lubrication
- Ensure all guards and shields in place
- Ensure saw is properly sharpened and adjusted dull teeth are more likely to cause a kickback.

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY

- ALWAYS use both hands when starting a chain saw, one to hold the saw and the other to pull the starter rope.
- ALWAYS start chainsaw on the ground or on a stable surface.
- ALWAYS use both hands to control the chain saw.
- NEVER force a chain saw through a cut or saw with the tip of the blade
- ALWAYS be watchful for blade-pinching situations and plan accordingly.
- Cut branches at the base of the blade.
- ALWAYS cut below shoulder height and avoid making cuts with the saw between your legs, always cut with the saw to the outside of your legs.
- Ensure good ventilation due to carbon monoxide from engine

### POST-OPERATION

- Always turn off tool before servicing or when not in use
- Ensure you clean up work area
- Place any tools back where they belong

This Document does not replace training; it covers hazards associated with normal use and therefore may not cover all possible hazards associated with the machine. Refer to the user's manual for further information. It is designed to be used as a summary of a Safe Work Instruction and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use.