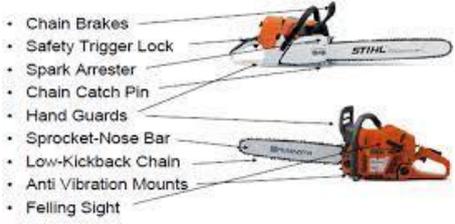


STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

CHAINSAW USE TEMPLATE

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JOB STEPS	MEDIA	SAFETY / QUALITY / ENVIRONMENT
<p>PRE-START CHECKS::</p> <p>a. Ensure chainsaw is clean.</p> <p>b. Check for loose, worn or defective parts or any other safety concerns</p> <p>c. Inspect fuel lines and area around carburetor for fuel leaks.</p> <p>d. Check bar chain oil</p> <p>e. Check chain break is in working order, chain is at the correct tension, chain oil is at a sufficient level and chain is sharp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Always Remember Chainsaw Safety!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Figure 1</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Figure 2</p>  </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small;">In figure 1, Rich is fully outfitted in Personal Protective Equipment he is missing in figure 2.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">This Personal Protection equipment includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Helmet for head protection along with eye, ear, and face protection 2. Gloves for hand protection 3. O.S.H.A approved chaps for leg protection. Most chainsaw injuries are in the leg region. 4. Steel toed boots for foot protection. <p style="font-size: small;">5. In figure 1, Rich is also holding the chainsaw in the correct direction, right handed. Chainsaws have a chain brake which stops the chain if it were to break.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">In figure 2 he is holding the chainsaw left handed, which is a very unsafe way to operate a chainsaw because in this direction the chain brake does not protect the operator.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Below is an example of a loose and unsafe chain tension (6), and the correct tension (7).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>6</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>7</p>  </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small;">Below are examples of safe vs unsafe ways of starting a chainsaw. A safe starting position is braced against your legs or braced on the ground (8). Drop starting a chainsaw (9) in the air is unsafe.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>8</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>9</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>8</p>  </div> </div>	<p>Safety - a. DO NOT use a chainsaw until you have been fully trained</p> <p>b. Read operators manual to ensure all checks are carried out correctly</p> <p>c. Report any faults with a chainsaw to the farm manager.</p> <p>d. Inform another staff member that you will be using a chainsaw if working alone.</p>
<p>PPE:</p> <p>a. Ensure you have all PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) in place.</p> <p>b. Remove or restrain jewellery and loose fitting clothing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAINSAW SAFETY FEATURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chain Brakes • Safety Trigger Lock • Spark Arrester • Chain Catch Pin • Hand Guards • Sprocket-Nose Bar • Low-Kickback Chain • Anti Vibration Mounts • Felling Sight 	<p>Safety - Ensure correct PPE is worn at all times when operating the chainsaw;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helmet with face shield or safety glasses - Ear Muffs - Heavy Duty leather boots - Heavy duty clothing and canvas chaps - Gloves

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<p>CHAINSAW OPERATION:</p> <p>a. Read safety manual to familiarize yourself with the chainsaw before use.</p> <p>b.To start the chainsaw;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rest the chainsaw on the ground• Place your right foot through the rear handle and your left hand on the on the front handle• Operate the starter with your right hand• Once started keep a firm grip on the chainsaw with both hands. <p>c.Maintain proper balance and secure footing while operating the chainsaw.</p> <p>d. Ensure the chain is rotating at full speed before making contact with the wood then the spiked bumper is in contact with the wood when starting to cut.</p> <p>e. Pay full attention to the task at hand and constantly be aware of the movement of the material being cut.</p> <p>f. Be alert to situations that may cause material being cut to pinch the top of the chain.</p> <p>g. Ensure chain brake is always applied when chainsaw is at rest.</p> <p>h. Do not use the chainsaw if you have not been trained in correct use.</p>	 A close-up photograph showing a person's hands and feet as they operate a chainsaw. The person is wearing safety boots and is standing on a log. The chainsaw is positioned horizontally across the log, with the blade cutting through it. The brand name 'STIHL' is visible on the side of the chainsaw's body.	<p>Safety - a. Use recommended cutting techniques and stand away from fall zones when operating the chainsaw</p> <p>b. Use the chain lock when the motor is running but you are not cutting</p> <p>c. Regularly clear cuttings and debris away from the work area to ensure you are able to maintain your footing while cutting</p> <p>d.Remove any long jewellery or loose clothing before using the chainsaw to prevent entanglement in the chainsaw</p>

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<p>SHUT DOWN OF THE CHAINSAW:</p> <p>At the completion of your task ensure the following are completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Allow the hot chainsaw to cool down before refueling and refilling chain bar oil,b. Remove any foreign materials and debris from the motor and guards.c. Sharpen the chain as per manufactures instructionsd. Ensure any faults and need for service are reported to the farm manager.		<p>Safety - Ensuring the chainsaw is cleaned, the chain is sharpened, refueled, put away in the correct location and is fit for the next use allows the next user to have a safe machine for his/her task.</p>