**Safe Work Practice**

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| Name of Job:  **Use of Chain Saws** | Development Date:  **March 11th, 2011** | Developed By:  **CSNS** |

**Possible Hazards Present**

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| Fume Inhalation | Cuts and lacerations | Noise |  |
| Exposure to [extreme temperatures](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/hot_cold.html) | Work with heavy machinery, [manual](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety_haz/hand_tools/) and [power](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety_haz/power_tools/) tools, and [ladders](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety_haz/ladders/). | Pain or injury from working in [awkward positions](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/rmirsi.html), [lifting](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/ergonomics/mmh/) and carrying heavy objects | Irritation or allergic reaction from plants, or from insect bites or stings |

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended**

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| Face Screen Or Eye protection | Leg Protection (chain saw cut-resistant) | Head protection | Hand Protection |
| Hearing protection |  |  |  |

**What are some good general safe work practices?**

* **DO** ensure that the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn is set out in the manufacturer and Occupational Health & Safety Legislation.
* **DO** ensure that the chain brake is functioning properly and adequately stops the chain.
* **DO** ensure that the chain must is sharp and , has the correct tension and be adequately lubricated.
* **DO** ensure that The correct methods of starting, holding, carrying or storage and use of the saw as directed by the manufacturer must be used.
* **DO NOT** use the chain saw for cutting above shoulder height.
* **DO** ensure that Fueling must is done in a well-ventilated area and not while the saw is running or hot.
* **DO** use an approved safety container must be used to contain the fuel used along with a proper spout or funnel for pouring.
* **DO** ensure that when carrying/transporting a chain was the bar guard must be in place, the chain bar must be toward the back and the motor must be shut off.
* **DO** follow Chainsaw Safe Work Procedures step by step.