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Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: Use of Chain Saws	Development Date: March 11th, 2011	Developed By: CSNS
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Possible Hazards Present

Fume Inhalation	Cuts and lacerations	Noise	
Exposure to extreme temperatures	Work with heavy machinery, manual and power tools, and ladders.	Pain or injury from working in awkward positions, lifting and carrying heavy objects	Irritation or allergic reaction from plants, or from insect bites or stings

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

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 be 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.

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- **DO** ensure that Fueling must be 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 saw 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.

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