



Forestry Tips – Safe Practices— Chain Saws

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TOPIC: Safe Practices—Chain Saws

Personal Protective Equipment

- High visibility hard hat and vest.
- Leg protection and adequate footwear.
- Hearing and eye protection.
- Protective gloves.

Safety Precautions

- Ensure all parts of the chainsaw are properly maintained and in good working order before using.
- Make sure chainsaw is secured on a firm base before starting.
- Always keep a firm grip on the chainsaw to reduce the chance of kickbacks.
- Never touch limbs or other objects with the tip of the bar.
- Always stop the chain between cuts.
- Always shut off chainsaw when cleaning.
- Shut off chainsaw completely when carrying it.
- When carrying the chainsaw, always keep the bar pointed to the back to avoid injury.
- Always carry fuel in a suitably marked container.
- Recognize the dangers of hot exhaust when examining and fueling.
- Never smoke when refueling.
- Be sure to put handles on all files. Never carry files in your pocket.

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