

JOB PROCEDURES CHAIN SAW

**This information does not take precedence over OH&S. All employees should be familiar with the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the OH&S Regulations.*

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MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
	Foot/Eye/Hand Protection Chain Saw Chaps/Pants
JOB STEPS	
1. Check oil and fuel levels – <i>never fuel while hot.</i>	
2. If fuel is required, mix 50 parts gas to 1 part oil.	
3. Make sure the chain is sharp (cutting with a dull chain is more dangerous than with a sharp one), and sufficiently snug to retain the drive links within the chain bar guide on the bottom side.	
4. Be sure dogs are not worn too much or chain will grab or kick back.	
5. Ensure adequate ventilation.	
6. Ensure work area is clean and safe (clear of trip hazards, etc.).	
7. Always start the chainsaw on the floor – put foot into D-handle and pull rope.	
8. Always stand to the side of the blade, rather than behind.	
9. Ensure chain break is operational before actual use.	
10. Observe the work. If leaning trees are present, remove them first. If cutting used lumber, check for nails or other foreign objects such as sand, gravel, etc.	