



CHAINSAW

Safety Workshop

We offer a two hour safety workshop ideal for beginner saw users and as a refresher for more experienced folks. No cost to farmers and rural landowners. Learn safety basics, saw maintenance, best ergonomics practices, kickback prevention, and proper PPE use.

For more information contact us at
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or 800-343-7527.



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Whether you are felling a tree, pruning, removing limbs from storm damage, or cutting firewood, proper personal protective equipment (PPE) should always be used when operating a chainsaw.

This includes:

Hard Hat



A hard hat should meet ANSI Z89.1 standards. Inspect a hard hat before each use. Replace it if there are signs of damage, such as dents, cracks or puncture holes. If a hard hat sustains an impact, always replace it - even if damage is not noticeable.

To test a hard hat's integrity: grasp it with two hands and squeeze the hat. If you hear creaking or other unusual sounds, it is time to replace it.

Gloves



Safety Toe Boots



Hearing Protection

- Hearing damage can occur when noise level is at or above 85 decibels (dB)
- A chainsaw runs at about 115 dB

Eye & Face Protection

- To protect eyes from particulates
- To protect face from moving chainsaw blade

Leg protection/chaps

(look for the UL safety label)



proper CHAINSAW USER TIPS

Chainsaw injuries require an average of 110 stitches.

Proper chainsaw maintenance and operation will increase productivity and safety.

- Keep chain clean, sharp and lubricated.
- Don't cut above your shoulder height.
- Avoid kickback – never cut with the point of the saw.
- Make sure saw is off when climbing ladders or trees.
- Don't go out alone, if possible. Tell someone where you will be and for how long.

