



ToolBox Talk Meeting Report

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Division:		Supervisor:	

Topic for Review: Chain Saw Safety

Frequent Hazards Experienced: (Check off items that are applicable to this talk)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Confined Spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazard Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WHMIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Actuated Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Power |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene | <input type="checkbox"/> Access / Egress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lock Out /Tag Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Scaffolds | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated Work Platforms | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramps / Stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladders | <input type="checkbox"/> PPE | <input type="checkbox"/> Material Storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardrails | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding/Cutting | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations / Legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arc Flash | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Discussion Notes/Job Site Hazards to be Addressed/ Followed Up:

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Chain Saw Safety

The purpose of this training is to provide safety tips to avoid chain saw kickbacks and other injuries. Chain saw kickback can result in serious injury or death to the person operating the saw. Kickback most often occurs when the chain, moving around the nose of the guide bar, accidentally touches another object. Contact at the nose of the saw can throw the chain saw violently back toward the operator. Kickback injuries are the most common that occur when using a chainsaw, but these tools can also be dangerous when turned off, causing serious lacerations and burns.

Safe Work Practices

- Never cut above shoulder height
- Be sure all other people are at least 6' away and never in the fall zone (downhill)
- Never use the tip of the saw blade when sawing
- Always firmly grip the saw with both hands, wrapping your thumb around the handle
- When carrying any distance, engage the chain brake, turn the engine off, put the scabbard on, and carry the saw with the bar behind you and the muffler away from your body
- The saw should be started either on the ground or by securing the handle with your legs; never drop start a chain saw (see the manufacturer's instructions)

Operating Tips

- Keep your feet apart, your back straight, and your body out of the line of fire
- Never overextend yourself by reaching too far to make a cut
- Always engage the chain brake by rolling your wrist, not by releasing the handle
- Make sure all brackets, handles and gripping areas are tight and secure
- Be sure the wood you are sawing is free of metal and other foreign objects
- If you need to go more than 2 steps, engage the chain brake
- When transporting, be sure the saw is in its scabbard and/or case and is secured in the back of your vehicle (not the cab).



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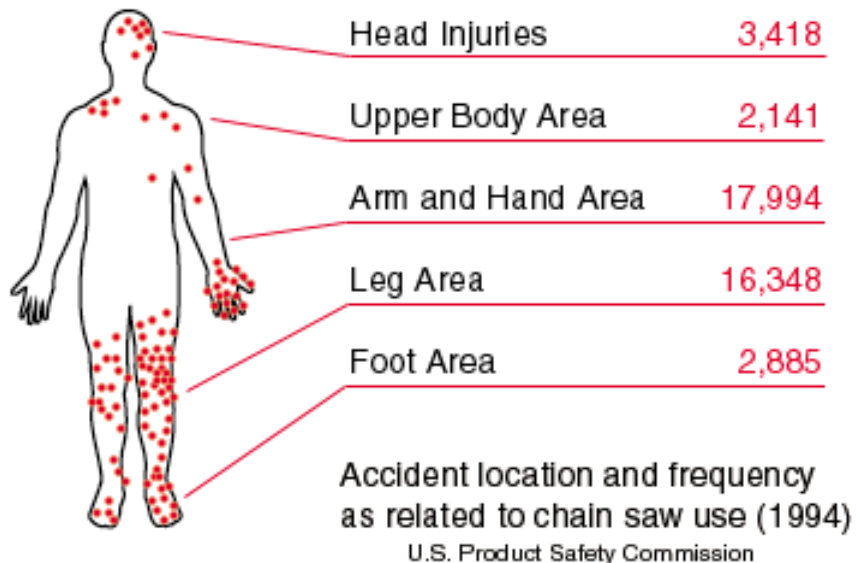
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Safety Features to Inspect:	PPE Required:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •On/off switch •Chain brake •Safety trigger lock •Spark arrestor •Chain catch pin •Hand guard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chaps (chain saw) •Leather cut resistant gloves •Safety glasses •Hearing Protection •Leather boots

Another hazard with chain saws is the fire potential.

- An approved safety container shall be used to contain the fuel
- The proper spout or funnel shall be used for pouring
- Smoking is prohibited while the tank is being filled

Where do people get injured with chain saws?



Chain saws are dangerous tools, but they can be used safely and effectively by competent operators. Adhering to these safe work practices and speaking up will guarantee that you and your coworkers go home safely.

Recent improvements in the design of saw chains have led to the production of low kickback consumer replacement chains which are capable of reducing chain saw kickback. When purchasing a new chain saw, have the dealer tell you if the chain saw is equipped with a low kickback saw chain. If you have an older chain saw, have your local dealer install a low kickback chain. Generally, these new blades are available for old and new chain saws.

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