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Miscellaneous Category.

CHAINSAW SAFETY

Chainsaw safety is every saw operator's job.

- Always wear proper P.P.E. when handling or working around chainsaws.
 - Eye protection- approved goggles or safety glasses (no sunglasses)
 - Chainsaw Chaps- proper size and length
 - Gloves-proper size
 - Long sleeve shirt-no loose sleeves
 - Leather boots-no loose boot laces

- Take the time to inspect the chainsaw before operating the saw.
 - Check the chain and bar- Sharpness of chain, Bar seated correctly
 - Check the bolts and screws all around the saw- no missing screws or bolts
 - Check the casing of the saw- no cracked or missing plastic

- Make sure you're aware of your surroundings while operating the chainsaw.
 - Look for people working in your area- advise all personnel you're operating the saw.
 - Look for any snags or hazards in your area- look up for power lines, widow makers, etc.
 - Make sure you always have a spotter or swamper to use for communications.
 - Always watch your footing while operating the saw- loose, rocky, steep terrain can cause you to slip while the chainsaw is running.

- Always make sure you are comfortable doing the task at hand.
 - Proper training for personnel running saws.
 - While falling trees know your escape route.
 - If you are not comfortable falling the tree walk away. Notify your supervisor and mitigate the safety issues or turn down the assignment.

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