

# CHAINSAW

## Petrol Powered



### 1 ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE

This Equipment Safety Data Sheet is intended as a guide only for the safe operation of this chainsaw. It does not override Worksafe NZ recommendations or the manufacturer's instructions or any other industry requirements. This sheet is not a substitute for an instructional lesson from a competent teacher. If you are unsure about any aspect of this device or its capabilities or its suitability, or if you are in doubt as to its proper usage you must contact one of the Hire Company Employees or an industry expert before continuing.

### 4 IMPORTANT HAZARDS



- **Danger! Risk of amputation!** Operating a chainsaw incorrectly may result in serious injuries. Never carry the chainsaw with the motor running.



- **Danger: Risk of Kickbacks!** Always use suitable techniques to minimise the risk of kickbacks. Determine the direction kickback could occur and adjust work accordingly. If the chainsaw jams, switch machine off before clearing the blockage or jam.
- **Danger! Falling Debris** Identify the possible fall path of foliage and plan accordingly. One person only in work zone.
- **Danger! Risk of entanglement!** Never wear loose clothing. Tie back long hair.

### **! DANGER!**

- **FATIGUE WARNING!** You must be physically strong enough to operate a chainsaw. Do not operate continuously for long periods. Consult vibration data to determine maximum daily usage. Stop if you are feeling tired. Never operate this machine if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Minimum age 18 years.
- Never operate in wet, windy or unstable conditions, where a loss of control may lead to serious injury.
- Never remove or tamper with the safety features of this machine, especially the chain brake. If any of the safety features have been tampered with or are not functional, do not use this chainsaw. Use only for intended purposes.
- Fuel is highly flammable. Turn off engine when refueling. Guard against fuel spillages on hot surfaces. Use the appropriate PPE when refueling
- Sharp surfaces: Chainsaw chains can cut, even when stationary. Take care when transporting.

### 2 PLANNING FOR SAFETY

A hazard identification assessment & control site plan, MUST be in place first.

#### BEFORE USING THIS CHAINSAW:

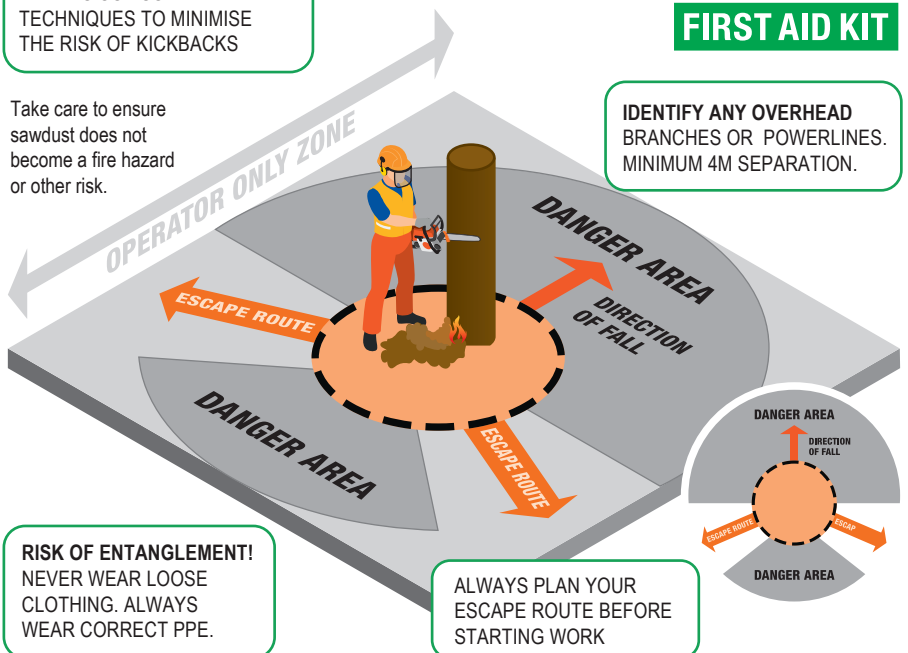
- **Specify the tasks and methods for the job.**
- **Ensure that this chainsaw is the best tool for the job.**
- **Identify any site-specific hazards that may affect the safe use of this machine (e.g. falling debris, overhead wires). Remove any hazards.**
- **Ensure site emergency procedures (especially escape route), first aid kit and fire extinguisher are in place.**

### 5 WORK SITE PRECAUTIONS

**Never drop-start a chainsaw. Always start on the ground to avoid losing control. Never operate a chainsaw above waist height. Use a suitable work platform or alternative pruning equipment for cutting overhead branches**

**DANGER: RISK OF KICKBACKS!**  
ALWAYS USE SUITABLE TECHNIQUES TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF KICKBACKS

Take care to ensure sawdust does not become a fire hazard or other risk.



### 3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



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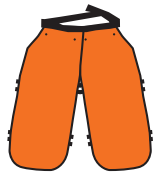
EYE & FACE PROTECTION



GLOVES



PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR



LEATHER CHAPS



HARD HAT

**Before commencing work, ensure everyone understands your emergency procedures, where to find a fire extinguisher or first aid kit, and that you can call 111 in an emergency**



**IN EMERGENCY DIAL 111**

**FIRST AID KIT**