



Toolbox Safety Talks

Chainsaws

- 1)** What are the hazards/injuries involved with chainsaws?
 - a. Lacerations
 - b. Fractures
 - c. Amputations
 - d. Death

- 2)** What hazards should be recognized?
 - a. Training
 - b. PPE
 - c. Maintenance

- 3)** What safe practices should be used when working with chainsaws?
 - a. Before using a chainsaw carry out the following checks:
 - Check guards are in place, in good condition and secure
 - Check chain brake operation
 - Check security of casing and all nuts and screws
 - Check throttle and interlock for serviceability
 - Check chain sharpness, tension and freedom of movement
 - Check chain lubricating reservoir – top up if required
 - b. Ensure you have all the required PPE and that it is maintained
 - c. Always engage the chain brake and place on a secure surface clear of any obstructions before starting the chainsaw
 - d. Never make adjustments to the chainsaw whilst it is running
 - e. Maintain a firm grip, using both hands, on the chainsaw when in operation, and aim to complete cuts at full throttle where practicable
 - f. If you have to stage cuts, take extreme care when re-entering the previous cuts
 - g. Always beware of the timber closing in on the saw cut and pinching the chain
 - h. Never place any part of your body in the saw's line of cut
 - i. Before moving with the chainsaw, switch it off, apply the chain brake, and fit the scabbard over the chain. Carry by front handle with chain facing rearwards
 - j. Refuel chainsaws in well-ventilated areas and at least 3 meters away from where you are going to use the chainsaw (wipe up any spilt fuel). Do not smoke

- 4)** Does everyone have safety glasses, steel toe boots, hard hats, and gloves?
- 5)** What unsafe practices are you noticing in the field? How can these be fixed?
- 6)** Has anyone ever had an incident or near miss while using a chainsaw?
- 7)** Are there any other safety issues you would like to discuss?



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Make Time for Safety, Everyday! – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking 'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job, today!' But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. *What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?*

Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!

Date Presented: _____

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Attendance Sheet
