

Chainsaw Safety Checklist

Chainsaw safety checklist **Y** **N**

1. Training

- Do our company rules clearly state that only trained operators may use chainsaws?
- If any young worker between the ages of 16 and 18 is to use a chainsaw, has a specific risk assessment been carried out?
- If not, are there measures in place to ensure that a risk assessment will be carried out before they're allowed to use a chainsaw?
- Do we have a system of training in place?
- Are copies of any training records kept on file?
- Do any of our staff working with trees have a nationally recognised certificate of competence, e.g. from the National Proficiency Tests Council?
- Do we have a suitable system of refresher training in place?

2. Safety precautions

- Do employees need to work with chainsaws either on their own or remotely?
- If so, have we provided them with a means of raising the alarm?
- Can we make periodic checks on them?
- If not, have we arranged for these employees to call in on a regular basis?
- Is this frequency sufficient?
- Do we have a means of checking that they have returned after each job?
- Have users been instructed to report any defects that they find or suspect?
- If so, do they know whom to contact?
- Have we provided all employees with a personal first aid kit?
- Do all users know how to deal with major bleeding and crush injuries?
- Have we briefed employees on the signs of hypothermia?
- Have we provided a hypothermia blanket to those working remotely?
- Has a maintenance programme been set up for our chainsaws?

Chainsaw safety checklist

Y N

- If necessary, have anti-vibration mounts been installed?
- Do we have records of maintenance and repairs which have been carried out?
- Have staff been instructed on the importance of making pre-use safety checks?
- Have users been instructed to only use a chainsaw if the saw chain is razor sharp?

3. Clothing

- Have we provided our staff with the following personal protective equipment (PPE):
 - eye protection, (e.g. EN 166 compliant for safety glasses)?
 - hearing protection (e.g. EN 352-1 compliant for ear muffs)?
 - close fitting clothing (e.g. meeting EN 381 for protective clothing)?
 - protective gloves?
 - leg protection?
 - chainsaw boots?
 - safety helmet?
- Do operators know who to report any defects in PPE to?

Comments/further action to be taken:

.....

.....

.....

This checklist has been completed to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:..... Date:

Note: This checklist is to be retained on file for at least three years.