**DO NOT use this equipment unless you are authorised, and you have been trained in its safe use and operation. Refer to Operator’s Manual for specific information.**

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Other PPE (list):

### **PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

1. Do not use an electric chainsaw in wet conditions.
2. Ensure that the machine and extension cord are tested and tagged for currency.
3. Ensure the extension cord is in good condition.
4. Ensure a tagged and tested RCD is used when operating the machine.
5. Trip test the RCD before use.
6. Ensure that chain guard and chain brake are functioning.
7. Ensure chain is sharp and correctly tensioned.
8. Ensure that safety harness, if required, is in sound condition.

**DO NOT USE FAULTY OR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT**

**Tag equipment out of service and report defects immediately to your supervisor**

#### OPERATIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. Maintain a proper balance and secure footing.
2. Do not start a chain saw when it is resting against any part of your body.
3. Do not stand directly behind the saw.
4. Keep a firm grip on the chainsaw with both hands, with the thumb of the hand holding the front handle wrapped around the handle.
5. Start the cut with the saw chain rotating at full speed and the spiked bumper in contact with the wood.
6. Pay full attention to the operation and be alert for movement of the material being cut.
7. Always maintain awareness of the guide bar nose when the saw chain is in motion.
8. Be alert to situations that may cause material to pinch the top of the saw chain.
9. Avoid the accumulation of debris.
10. Ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating equipment.
11. Do not leave a saw running unattended.
12. Do not carry chain saws while it is running.
13. Do not cut alone.

**Serious injuries can be caused by kickback**

#### HOUSEKEEPING

1. Remove any foreign material from motor and guards.
2. Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.
3. Always have the chainsaw serviced on time.

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

**◼** Uncontrolled movement ◼ Pushback ◼ Pull-in

◼ Flying debris ◼ Poor housekeeping ◼ Noise

◼ Entanglement ◼ Rotating chain ◼ Vibration

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