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| **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. **Ensure the machine is in service and do not use if the machine requires servicing.**
2. **Ensure the machine is clean and check for loose, worn or defective parts and other safety hazards.**
3. **Inspect fuel lines, tank, and area around carburetor for fuel leaks. Do not operate unit if leaks are found.**
4. **Check the effectiveness of chain brakes and operating controls.**
5. **Ensure safety guards and other safety devices are fitted, secure and functioning.**
6. **Check condition of the anti-vibration mountings of the handles.**
7. **Ensure chain is sharp and correctly tensioned.**
8. **Make sure there is no one is within 3-5 meters of operation.**

**DO NOT USE FAULTY OR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT**

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

#### OPERATIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. **When starting the chainsaw on the ground:**

**- Ensure no obstructions are present particularly near the tip of the guide bar.**

**- Place the right foot through the rear handle and place the left hand on the front handle.**

**- Operate the starter with the right hand.**

1. **Do not start a chain saw when it is resting against any part of your body.**
2. **Do not stand directly behind the saw.**
3. **Keep a firm grip on the chainsaw with both hands, with the thumb of the hand holding the front handle wrapped around the handle.**
4. **Maintain a proper balance and secure footing when operating the chainsaw.**
5. **Start the cut with the saw chain rotating at full speed and the spiked bumper in contact with the wood.**
6. **Always maintain awareness of the guide bar nose when the saw chain is in motion.**
7. **Pay full attention to the operation and be alert for movement of the material being cut.**
8. **Be alert to situations that may cause material to pinch the top of the saw chain.**
9. **Apply chain brake when saw is at rest.**
10. **Avoid the accumulation of debris.**
11. **Never use a chainsaw over shoulder height.**
12. **Do not carry chain saws while it is running.**
13. **Do not leave a saw running unattended.**
14. **Allow a hot chainsaw to cool before refilling the fuel tank.**
15. **Avoid contact with the muffler.**
16. **Do not cut alone.**

#### HOUSEKEEPING

1. **Remove any foreign material from motor and guards.**
2. **Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.**

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

**◼ Kickback ◼ Pushback ◼ Pull-in**

**◼ Flying debris ◼ Trip hazards ◼ Noise**

**◼ Loose clothing entanglement ◼ Rotating chain**

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