

# Chainsaws

## scope

This guide sets out our minimum operational requirements for the use of any chainsaw and highlights key safety steps limited to the cross cutting and de-limbing of fallen or windblown trees - not felling. Use a qualified woodsman or approved subcontractor for; tree felling, working with large logs or working around power lines

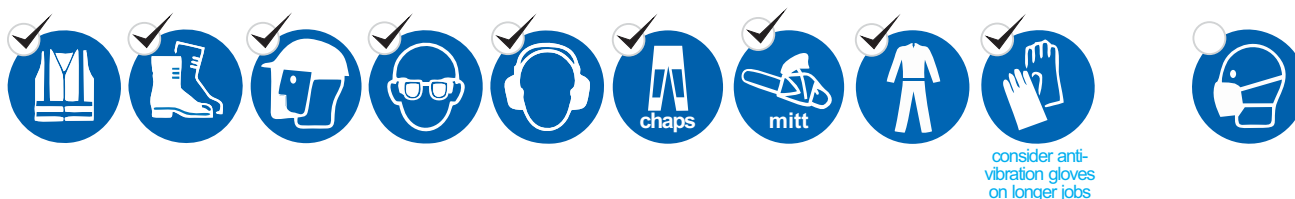
The risk control plan and operator manual should also be referred to operator qualifications, skills and training

- Only operate if trained and competent to do so
- Wellington Water internal chainsaw training or equivalent external training or industry qualification is required
- Supervised use by a competent operator is permitted while under training



based on risk assessment controls  
**additional PPE**

## minimum PPE requirements



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### Fluid checks

- Check fuel and bar oil prior to use

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### Functional checks

- Check mitt is securely attached and free to move on the main handle



- Check bar and chain condition and tension

### Starting

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- For warm starts, always start the saw on the ground or use the leg over technique  
Keep your top hand in the mitt at all times

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### Startup run checks

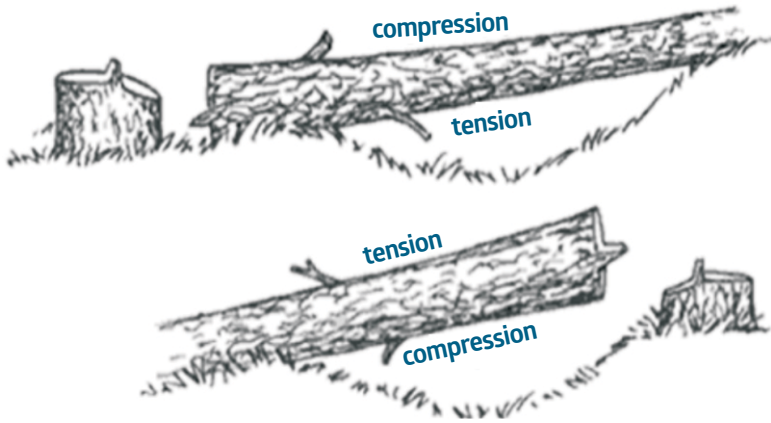


- Upon startup, apply revs, check the chain brake is working and confirm bar lube application

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## Prior to cutting

- Always cut the compressed side first and the tension or “stretched” side last to prevent pinching of the blade



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## Work positioning



- make sure you have stable footing
- keep chainsaw to the right-hand side of your body
- always cut below shoulder height

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- If walking a long distance turn the saw off and for short distances, brake the blade

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## When finished



- Service and clean the chainsaw and apply bar guard prior to storage

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## Additional controls

Continually monitor the risks and review and adjust the controls as needed for the duration of the work

- Know what to do in an emergency



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