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TOOLBOX MEETING GUIDE



Safe use of chainsaws in construction

- Chainsaws for construction must be equipped with a chain break and with anti-kickback chain.
- Whether a chainsaw is electric- or gasolinepowered, operators must follow the manufacturer's recommended safe operating procedures.
- Permit only trained and experienced workers to operate a chainsaw.
- Never walk around with a saw in the operating mode. Switch off the power source.
- Do not attempt to cut anything other than wood with a chainsaw.
- When operating a chainsaw, safety goggles and hearing protection must be worn at all times.

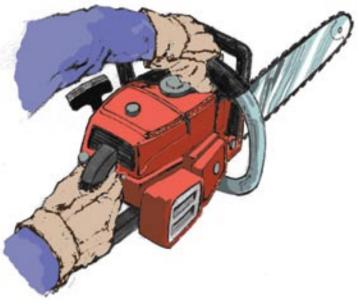


Diagram showing proper grip of a chainsaw

- Trousers or chaps with ballistic nylon pads sewn in provide protection to the legs.
- Hold the saw securely with both hands, with fingers and thumbs around the handles. This helps prevent the hands from being dislodged and provides control in the event of a kickback.
- Do not operate the saw when you are tired.
- Know where the bar tip is at all times.
- Don't allow the cut to bind (close) on the saw chain.
- Make sure the chain brake is functioning.

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