

Talk No. 42		CHAINSaws
Start time	End	Duration

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Chainsaws are increasingly used in the construction industry, often in a manner for which they were not designed. They are particularly dangerous and can cause serious injury when in the hands of a trained operator.

2. Main Points:

- 2.1 All chainsaw operators must have received formal training.
- 2.2 Chainsaw operators must wear appropriate PPE.
- 2.3 Chainsaws should be kept in a clean, accessible and safe condition.

3. Points to remember

- 3.1 Before using a chainsaw, perform the following checks:
 - 3.1.1 Check guard is in good condition and secure.
 - 3.1.2 Check chain is correctly tensioned.
 - 3.1.3 Check security pins and screws.
 - 3.1.4 Check throttle trigger is in good condition and operability.
 - 3.1.5 Check chain is correctly aligned for freedom of movement.
 - 3.1.6 Check chain is correctly lubricated and top up if required.
- 3.2 Ensure you have all necessary PPE and that it is serviceable. This should be checked before use.
- 3.3 Always engage the chain brake when not in a secure surface clear of any obstructions before starting.
- 3.4 Never make adjustments to the chainsaw whilst it is running.
- 3.5 Maintain a firm grip on the chainsaw when in operation and do not attempt to cut in a dangerous or practicable.
- 3.6 If you have to stage a cut, always ensure when re-entering the previous cut that you are not caught in the saw cut and pinching the chain.
- 3.7 Always beware of the kickback zone and the line of cut.
- 3.8 Never place any part of your body in the line of cut.

- 3.9 Before moving with the chainsaw, apply the chain brake and fit the scabbard over the chain. Carry the chainsaw handle with chain facing rearwards.
- 3.10 Refuel chainsaws in a well-ventilated area, at least 3 metres away from buildings (and at least 3 metres away from where you are going to work). Do not smoke or drink alcohol (or be under the influence of any drugs or medicine) while refuelling. Do not wipe up any spilt fuel). Do not use the chainsaw near flammable materials or people. Check for fuel leakage and ensure fuel cap is closed.

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All operatives listed and signed below Box Talk.

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