

PRO TIPS FOR CHAINSAW SAFETY

Chainsaws are powerful tools, ideal for storm cleanup, tree trimming and log-cutting. However, with great power comes great responsibility. Operating a chainsaw requires careful attention to safety measures to prevent accidents and ensure a successful woodworking experience.

Whether you're a seasoned lumberjack or a DIY enthusiast, these top chainsaw safety tips will help you stay protected and maintain a hazard-free environment:

WEAR PROPER SAFETY GEAR

Before you start your chainsaw, make sure you're properly equipped with the right safety gear.

Essential items include:

- A sturdy helmet with a face shield or safety goggles to protect your eyes from flying debris.
- Ear protection, such as earmuffs or earplugs.
- A well-fitted chainsaw protective chaps or trousers made of cut-resistant material to shield your legs.
- Steel-toed boots with good traction to protect your feet from falling branches or accidental contact with the chainsaw.

PRACTICE PROPER HANDLING TECHNIQUES

Hold the chainsaw with both hands at all times, using a firm grip. Your dominant hand should be on the rear handle, while your non-dominant hand should hold the front handle.

Maintain a comfortable stance with your feet apart for balance and stability. Avoid overreaching, and use the chainsaw's entire cutting length to avoid kickback.

LEARN AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

Each chainsaw model has its own set of operating instructions provided by the manufacturer.

Familiarize yourself with these guidelines before starting the machine. Pay attention to details like proper starting procedures, chain tensioning, refuelling, and maintenance requirements.

Following the manufacturer's instructions ensures optimal performance and safe operation.

MAINTAIN A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Before you begin cutting, survey the area. Clear the work zone of debris, obstacles, and tripping hazards.

Make sure there's enough space to move around freely, keeping a safe distance from other people, pets, or objects that could be struck by the chainsaw's bar or chain.

BE MINDFUL OF KICKBACK

Kickback is a sudden and forceful upward or backward motion of the chainsaw, which can be dangerous. Reduce the risk of kickback by:

- Keeping a firm grip on the saw with both hands.
- Positioning yourself to the side of the saw's cutting path, rather than directly behind it.
- Using the appropriate cutting techniques recommended by the manufacturer.

KEEP THE CHAIN SHARP AND PROPERLY TENSIONED

A dull or loose chain can increase the chances of kickback and reduce cutting efficiency. Regularly inspect the chain for sharpness and tension.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for chain sharpening and tensioning, or consult a professional if you're unsure. A well-maintained chain will make your cutting tasks safer and more effective.

REFUEL SAFELY

When refueling your chainsaw, always turn off the engine and allow it to cool down. Move away from the refueling area to avoid sparks or accidental ignition.

Use approved containers for storing and transporting fuel, and never refuel the chainsaw while the engine is running or hot.

TAKE BREAKS AND STAY ALERT

Operating a chainsaw requires focus and concentration. Fatigue can impair judgment and reaction times, increasing the risk of accidents. Take regular breaks to rest and rehydrate, especially during long or physically demanding cutting sessions. Stay alert and avoid distractions to ensure maximum safety.

BATTERY/CORDLESS CHAINSAWS**USE THE RIGHT BATTERY AND MAINTAIN CHARGE**

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding battery type and capacity. Before each use, ensure your battery is fully charged and inspect it for any damage or signs of wear. A well-maintained battery ensures optimal performance and prevents unexpected power loss during operation.

BE MINDFUL OF BATTERY LIFE:

It's important to be aware of the battery life and plan your tasks accordingly. Monitor the battery indicator on your chainsaw to avoid running out of power mid-cut. Consider having spare batteries on hand for longer or more demanding projects.

REGULARLY INSPECT & MAINTAIN THE CHAINSAW

Perform routine inspections of your battery chainsaw, including the chain, bar, and other components. Keep the chain properly tensioned and lubricated according to the manufacturer's instructions. Clean the chainsaw after each use and remove any debris or sawdust that may accumulate.

TORO 60V CORDLESS BATTERY CHAINSAW

Features a variable trigger that delivers power when you need it, and a 41 cm bar length to help you handle big jobs. The ergonomic Comfort Grip reduces arm fatigue. Bar cover included.

Built to help save time, finish faster and make the job easier, the Flex-Force smart battery has intelligent software that maximises run time and performance.

- Brushless Motor – More power, more runtime, and longer life.
- Easy to Start – Just push the button, and pull the trigger to start.
- Easy to Use – Pro-style chain tensioning with on-board tool storage and automatic chain oiler.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REDUCED NOISE LEVEL**

One significant advantage of battery chainsaws is their significantly quieter operation compared to gas-powered ones. Enjoy the reduced noise level and take advantage of this feature, especially if you're working in noise-sensitive areas or close to residential areas.

FOLLOW CHARGING AND STORAGE GUIDELINES

When it comes to charging your battery, always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Use the recommended charger and avoid overcharging, as it can negatively affect battery life and performance. Additionally, store your battery in a cool, dry place when not in use to maintain its longevity.