

DO NOT Drop start the saw, always use with both hands

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



PLANNING FOR SAFETY - INVESTIGATE

- * Before starting any work conduct a job safety analysis (JSA) to identify the job hazards and plan accordingly.
- * Inspect the work site and surroundings, and ensure the work area is safe.
- * Think through the steps.
- * Identify all potential hazards and assess the risks.
- * Determine the necessary control measures.
 - * Ensure you are adequately trained for the task and have the correct saw and saw blade for the job.
- * Communicate to everyone.
- * Take care in wet or slippery Conditions.
- * Only trained and competent staff allowed to operate.

GOLDEN RULES – DO'S

- ✓ Always start on the ground to avoid losing control.
- ✓ Always operate below waist height.
- ✓ Ensure you tie back long hair.
- ✓ Ensure NO jewellery is worn
- ✓ Always wear correctly fitted clothing
- ✓ Ensure work platform is safe and stable
- ✓ Always turn off the engine refuelling or not in use.
- ✓ Always complete a risk assessment.
- ✓ Always use common sense.
- ✓ Always wear ear protection

THINKING + WORKSAFE = HOMESAFE

IMPORTANT HAZARD

DANGER! RISK OF KICKBACK! Never cut with the upper quadrant of the blade. Avoid pinching and binding of the blade. Always select the correct blade for the intended task. Check the blade regularly for chips and cracks.

- * Exhaust gases are poisonous. Never run the engine in confined places.
- * Do not inhale fumes
- * Have all services been positively identified and exposed.
- * **Fatigue Warning:** Some saws may involve excessive bending over and muscle strain. Do not operate continuously for long periods. Never operate this equipment if you are under the influence of alcohol.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

- Operate in a well-ventilated area.
- Monitor for run off.
- DO NOT use on asbestos pipe.
- Water if safe to do so.
- Isolate the work site and ensure no one within 5 meters of the front of the machine.
- Potential risk of being hit by debris. Place a guard or large barrier to reduce the risk of debris



REMINDER

We never use the machine while alone. Always have someone (spotter) available nearby for assistance in case of injury.
 Avoid Pinching and binding the blade.
 Remove the blade before storing and transporting.
 Clean the saw after use.

See SOP 05 for full details.