Chainsaw usage

Any type of chainsaw use requires full protective equipment including safety shoes, chaps, helmet with ear protection, safety shield, and gloves. All other employees assigned to the project will wear ear protection, safety shoes, safety vests or shirts (supplied for this purpose), and gloves. Employees shall familiarize themselves with the use of chainsaws through training sessions, which will be held periodically. Management will only assign employees with documented training to cutting assignments.

Chippers used to reduce bulky branches and trees to woodchips are inherently dangerous when used improperly. Safety equipment manufactured to protect employees from injury will be in full operations at all times. It is everyone’s responsibility to report unsafe operations and/or actions to management and failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

It is the management’s responsibility to notify abutting property owners to the extent of trimming, by all means possible.

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