

# **CHAINSAW SAFETY**

#### Course Format – 1-2 Days

Safety Services New Brunswick offers a two-day **Chainsaw Safety Training Course**. This program includes a classroom component where key areas of safety and operations are covered and is followed by a second day of practical session where individuals will use the skills learned in the theoretical sessions.

There is a maximum limit of eight participants to give everyone a chance to do all of the tasks on day two (unless the woodlot is fifteen minutes or less away; then a maximum of ten).

#### **Course Objectives**

This course has been developed for those who operate a chainsaw for either work or recreational use. Upon successful completion of the test, each participant will receive a certification card which will need to be signed by the participant's supervisor after three days of close supervision. This validates the certification which is then good for three years. At the end of three years a one day refresher course is necessary to re-certify the participant and keep him/her safe.

#### **Course Outline**

- Chain Saw Safety
  - General Safety Precautions
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Features of Saw
- Potential Dangers
  - How to Avoid Kickback
  - Proper Grip
  - Proper Speed
  - Hearing, Vibration, etc.

- General Working Instructions
  - Inspection of Saw
  - Selection of Saw
  - Carrying
  - Starting and Stopping
  - Basic Cutting Techniques
  - Basic Rules of Felling Trees
- Emergency Measures
- General Maintenance

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#### **Chainsaw Course Requirements**

This course requires a classroom with tables or benches suitable for saw maintenance and with some ventilation (windows that open are fine). The classroom requirements are: a projection screen (or white wall), a whiteboard or other suitable writing surface and tables as mentioned above – one for each two participants and one for the instructor; a client chainsaw for each two participants, including an "operator's manual" for each; a bar wrench/screw driver combo tool and a file for the client's chainsaws; and work gloves for each participant. The instructor will bring a tool box containing most generic tools and equipment required for maintenance of the saws during the afternoon of the first day and cardboard to protect the tables during maintenance. Also, the instructor will provide WorkSafeNB brochures, copies of relevant sections of the OHS and the Forest Fires Act, a Student Manual and pressure bandages for each participant, all of which they will keep. The instructor will also bring materials for cleaning air filters as well as hand cleaner and paper towels. A large garbage can is needed for classroom cleanup following the maintenance.

For the second day, the client will provide a woodlot with enough trees (at least one for each participant and the instructor), clear of power lines, within a half hour drive of the classroom and transportation for the participants. Each participant requires his/her pressure bandage, work clothes including work gloves or mitts, chainsaw-rated work boots, a hard hat, eye protection, hearing protection and either chainsaw-rated pants or suitably rated "chaps" which can be exchanged between participants. At least two of the client's chainsaws will be brought to the woodlot along with properly mixed fuel and chain oil. The instructor will bring his tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguishers and a shovel. Per Department of Natural Resources, the client will need to obtain a "Work Permit" and, as specified on the permit, a backpack water tank and round pointed shovel for every 3 persons in the woodlot and a metal pail to accommodate any smokers. Participants may require raingear depending upon the weather and will need to bring a lunch. During hunting season, hunter orange clothing must also be worn (and no white hard hats!).

Participants will return to the classroom at 3:00pm on day two to clean up, write the test and complete a course evaluation.

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