

Chain Saws and Axes - Safety Checklist

| | Yes | No | N/A | Comments |
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| 1. Are chain saws inspected often for damage? What is the level of maintenance performed? | | | | |
| 2. Are inspections and maintenance documented? | | | | |
| 3. Are chain saws equipped with a continuous pressure throttle control system? | | | | |
| 4. Are chain saws equipped with kick-back devices such as chain brakes? | | | | |
| 5. Are chain saws equipped with top and bottom guards? | | | | |
| 6. Are employees required to start the chain saw on the ground and at distance no less than 10 feet from an open flame or ignition source? | | | | |
| 7. Are employees instructed not to drop start? | | | | |
| 8. Do employees stop the chain saw or engage the chain brake while moving between work areas further than 50 feet or where hazardous conditions are present? | | | | |
| 9. Do employees use the chain saw above shoulder height? | | | | |
| 10. Do employees stand on the ground rather than the tree while climbing? | | | | |
| 11. Do employees let the chain saw cool down before refueling? | | | | |
| 12. Do employees refuel at a distance no less than 10 feet from an open flame or ignition source? | | | | |
| 13. Do axes remain sharp? | | | | |
| 14. Are axes inspected often for cracks in the handle? If so, how often? | | | | |
| 15. Is the axe head firmly attached to the handle? | | | | |
| 16. Before axes are swung, is obstruction in the swing path removed? | | | | |
| 17. Are employees taught to swing the axe away from their body and towards the cut? | | | | |



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| 18. Do employees use the axes to pull logs? | | | | |
| 19. Do employees carry the axe with the blade pointing away from the body and with the handle grasped directly behind the head? | | | | |
| 20. Are the axes and chain saws properly stored while not in use? | | | | |
| 21. Are the axes and chain saws protected with sheaths or guards while in storage? | | | | |
| 22. Is proper PPE required and enforced while operating, (i.e., steel toed boots, chaps, gloves, hard hat, face shield, hearing protection and safety glasses)? | | | | |

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