



Arborist Safety



SAFETY TIPS

- Always use proper PPE.
- Assess each tree and job to determine the appropriate gear for access.
- Conduct daily inspections to look for hazards.
- Practice good timber management during tree trimming.
- Break or cut off dead limbs as you climb. Mark a safe drop zone.
- Use a body harness with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket when using aerial lifts.
- When working near power lines:
 - Follow minimum working distances.
 - Do not use conductive tools when there may contact.
 - Treat all power lines as “hot” until you verify they are de-energized.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

PPE is designed to prevent or lessen the severity of injuries. PPE must be inspected prior to each use. The following PPE must be used when operating a chainsaw:

- Head protection
- Hearing protection
- Eye/Face protection
- Leg protection
- Foot protection
- Hand protection
- Fall protection

CHAINSAW SAFETY

- Check controls, chain tensions and all bolts/handles before starting.
- While running, keep hands on the handles and maintain secure footing.
- Clear the area of obstacles that might interfere with cutting.
- Do not cut directly overhead.
- Shut off or release throttle prior to retreating.
- Be prepared for kickback.