



# GREENING OF RIDDELL

Work health and safety guidance note:

## Working with chainsaws (C) and brush cutters (B)

### **ASSESS THE RISK**

- Hand injury, foreign objects in eyes, noise damage to hearing, serious laceration injuries and postural or overuse strains.

### **Risk Management Strategies**

- Chain saws and brush cutters are to be maintained and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Chainsaws only to be used by approved operators
- Wear appropriate PPE (personal protection equipment (e.g. ear muffs, safety boots, face guards, chaps, dust mask)
- Always engage chain brake when not cutting (C)
- Start the saw with it resting on the ground. **DO NOT DROP START.**
- Ensure space is clear of debris and other workers
- Work within sight of other volunteers
- Stop operating the brushcutter if other people are close by
- Induct new volunteers through reference to ***Chainsaw Operation Manual*** in safety folder
- Ensure that the operator is of sufficient strength and stature to control the equipment safely and is an approved operator (B)
- Check general mechanical condition of equipment before use
- Keep feet and hands well clear of moving parts
- Turn off the chainsaw or brushcutter when not in use or while removing debris
- Carry mobile phone at all times to request assistance in case of emergency.

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