

Important Notice

Please read the following safety rules before using this chainsaw :

- WSQ chain saws can only be operated by authorised members and will only be used during official operating hours of WSQ.
- Chain saws must only be used outside the workshop on a flat area. A 2 metre perimeter around the saw must be roped off or temporarily fenced to keep the operation clear of people and debris. The work area should be at least 3 metres from where the saw is fuelled. Prominent signage is to be displayed eg “ WARNING !! Chain Saw in Operation “ (or similar).
- Chain saw operation requires a team of minimum of 3 personnel i.e Operator, Operator Assistant and Observer, whose role will be to keep other personnel outside designated operational area. Additional observers may be required depending on the complexity of the cutting.
- Where there is more than one chain saw in operation, a Convenor or Assistant Convenor must be present to provide overall supervision.
- Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn, including high- impact face shield and ear muffs, safety hat, steel toed safety boots, heavy duty non slip gloves .Overalls / leggings are also recommended, together with wearing of Hi Vis Vest. Bystanders should also wear eye and hearing protection.
- Check the blade brake, blade tension and guide bar before starting. Also check that fuel and oil caps are tightened and that there are no leaks.
- Lock the chain with the chain brake before starting.
- Ensure that the log is securely held with suitable jaws, blocks or wedges and is clear from other protruding timber or obstructions.
- Take special care to maintain good footing at all times when operating the chain saw. Position the saw so that your body is clear of the cutting attachment.
- Always hold the saw firmly with both hands.
- Make sure the saw blade does not touch any foreign materials e.g nails etc (Prior checking with metal detector is recommended).
- Always pull the saw out of the cut with the blade running.
- Cut timber to be placed outside the cutting area and cleared away as required.
- On completion of cutting, chain saw to be cleaned and stored appropriately, safety enclosure removed, timber removed or stored and if necessary, sawdust bagged and removed from site.