Safe Work Procedure

**NOTE: DO NOT use this machine unless you have been trained in its safe use and operation.**

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| Description of Work: | Using a Chain Saw (Electric) |
| **Chainsaw** | **Potential Hazards:** Exposed moving parts with the potential to cause harm through entanglement, impact and cutting, electrical hazards, noise, manual handling injuries, vibration, slips, trips and falls, temperature and dust.  |
| **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Required** *(Check the box for required PPE*): |
| hand protectionGloves | dust maskFace Masks | safety gogglesEyeProtection | face shieldWelding Mask | foot protectionAppropriateFootwear | hearing protHearing Protection | safety apronProtective Clothing |
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|  **Safe Work Procedure Checklist:** |
| 1. PRE-Operation:* Identify ON/OFF switch.
* Undertake visual inspection of electrical leads.
* Uncoil the extension cord.
* Check that chain saw is in good repair.
* Check that chain is lubricated, sharp and the tension is correct.
* Never operate a chain saw without a front hand guard (it protects the operator in a kickback situation).
* Wear adequate and appropriate PPE.

2. Operation:* Exercise caution in relation to the electrical lead.
* Start chain saw while placed on ground or stable surface.
* Hold the chain saw firmly with both hands and maintain a secure grip. Using a loose grip can cause kickbacks.
	+ Always begin your cut at peak revs.
	+ Stand to the side of the cutting path of the chain saw.
	+ Do not cut above shoulder height.
	+ Never hold the chain saw in one hand or by one handle only.
	+ Do not walk with chain saw whilst blade is spinning.
	+ Do not use in wet conditions.

3. POST-Operation:* Ensure blade has stopped spinning before removing waste material/work piece.
* Ensure blade has stopped spinning before placing it on the ground.
* Use the chain guard (scabbard) when machine is carried or not in use.
* Ensure equipment is returned to storage area after use.
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| **Competent Persons** (The following persons are authorised to operate, supervise and test students on the equipment/process). |
| **Name:** | **Title:** | **Contact Details:** |
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