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## Chainsaw safety training

Minnesota OSHA Workplace Safety Consultation offers chainsaw safety training to help private- and public-sector employers meet the requirement that employees using a chainsaw be properly trained.

Employees using a chainsaw for removal of trees, limbs, brush or for storm cleanup are regulated by either the OSHA Logging Operations standard or the ANZI Z133.1-2000 Arboricultural Operations standard, regardless of the end use of the wood.

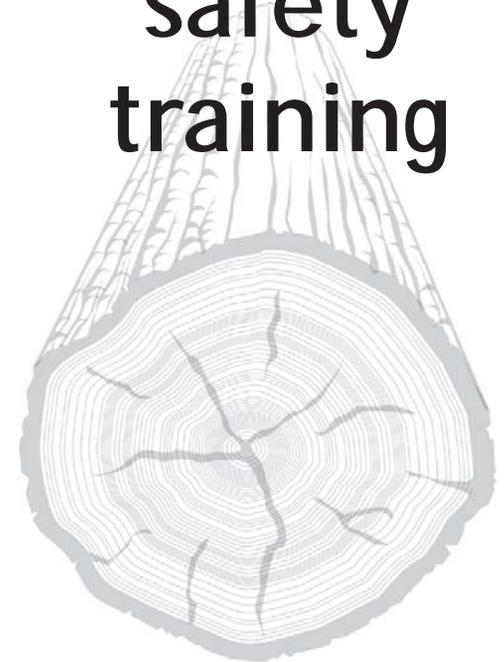
## Who should attend?

Those who should attend include all supervisors, for clarification of the Logging Operations standard, and all workers who may be required to operate a chainsaw during daily duties, regardless of the frequency of use.

## Why attend, request training

Using a chainsaw is one of the most dangerous jobs encountered. This training will highlight safe operating practices and proper techniques. The techniques will be demonstrated; students may also participate in hands-on learning.

# Free chainsaw safety training



## Request training

I would like:

- a classroom session about chainsaw safety (unlimited size);
- a classroom session with hands-on training (15 or fewer).

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of employees to be trained: \_\_\_\_\_

## Training options

### ***Classroom training***

Although the schedule can be adjusted, morning sessions usually begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon. Afternoon sessions begin after lunch and end when the training is completed, generally about two hours. The class can be of any size, depending on available classroom seating.

### ***Classroom with hands-on training***

After a morning of classroom training, participants have about two hours of hands-on training in the afternoon. Class size should be limited to 10 to 15 students at a time.

### ***Sample schedule***

Morning classroom session:

- overview of standard;
- personal protective equipment (PPE);
- chainsaw safety features and maintenance;
- tree-felling techniques; and
- limbing.

Afternoon field session:

- tree-felling demonstration;
- hands-on training with student participation; and
- question and answer session.

## More information

For more information, contact Ed LaFavor by:

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## Safe chainsaw operation

OSHA enacted its current Logging Operation standard in 1995, but few employers know it covers all activities of cutting down trees, regardless of the end use of the wood. Public works departments may be mostly cutting down storm-damaged wood, the most dangerous kind.

This workshop will include:

- understanding the OSHA standard and how it applies;
- personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements;
- chainsaw maintenance procedures;
- chain sharpening procedures;
- proper felling techniques;
- open-face directional felling;
- bore cutting techniques;
- using wedges in felling;
- limbing techniques; and
- hazard identification.

Training is presented by Ed LaFavor, Minnesota OSHA training officer, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. LaFavor's experience includes more than 11 years as an independent logger and 12 years as a logging safety instructor.

All necessary audiovisual and training equipment will be supplied. If training is canceled due to weather, an agreed-upon replacement date will be scheduled.