

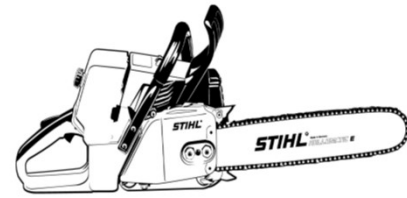
Safe Operating Procedure



PPE Required



Chainsaw



General Safety Instructions

- Complete pre-start checklist
- Read Manufacturers Operation Manual (www.flexihire.com.au)
- Report any faults or damage to Flexihire 1300FLEXIHIRE
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery
- Do not operate equipment near pedestrians or people
- Do not operate without the appropriate PPE as detailed
- Do not operate equipment under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Top 3 Safety Points

- Read and understand Safe Operating Procedure
- Never use Chainsaws whilst on a ladder or in an elevated unstable position
- Beware of chain at all times, the chain moves extremely fast and can cause serious damage

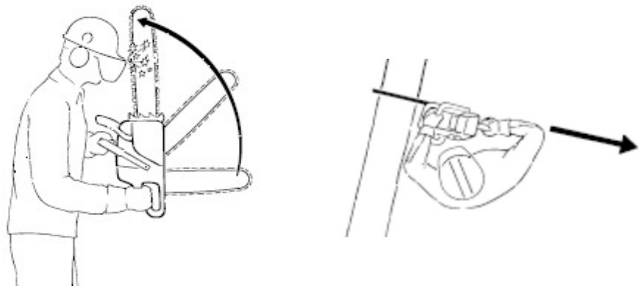
General Engine Safety

- **Refuelling** – Do not smoke, or introduce ignition source, always turn engine off and allow engine to cool first, relieve fuel pressure by loosening cap slowly, wipe clean any fuel spills prior to re-start, If fuel spilled on clothes change clothes, ensure cap is replaced & store fuel vessel away from work area
- Do not breathe fuel vapour & replace cap securely after fuelling
- Do not operate engine without adequate ventilation
- Beware of hot surfaces on engine & other parts

Risk Assessment

- Assess the immediate work area for any hazards
- Control or eliminate all the risks associated with the hazards
- Hazards to check for that may require risk control-
 - ☐ Overhead power lines
 - ☐ Digging
 - ☐ Confined space
 - ☐ Traffic & moving machinery
 - ☐ Stored energy – air, hydraulic, electricity, pressure
 - ☐ Working at height
 - ☐ Falling objects
 - ☐ High Voltage
 - ☐ Any stored energy

Operating Safety Instructions

Operate in ventilated area, chainsaw produces toxic fumes	Avoid operating in confined spaces like trenches
Petrol is very flammable so keep naked flames or ignition sources away	Beware of chain at all times, the chain moves extremely fast and cause serious damage
Beware of slippery surfaces and trip hazards when using chainsaw	Avoid getting soil or dirt on the chain as it easily go blunt
Chainsaws can kickback and push back so beware and observe the following • Avoid cutting with the front quarter or tip/nose of the chain blade • Hold chainsaw very firmly • Do not twist the chainsaw in a cut • Always cut at full throttle • Always know where the tip/nose is • Be careful with small branches and undergrowth – can get caught • Never cut several branches at once • Be careful when entering a previous cut • Avoid plunge cuts • Be aware of the cut closing on the chain as you cut • Always cut with a sharp chain	Use the chainsaw only for sawing and do not use it for plying, pushing or shovelling away trees or branches  Beware of kick back Correct Stance
Never use Chainsaws whilst on a ladder or in an elevated unstable position	Do not use chainsaw above shoulder height or when stretching
Never work in a tree or suspended in a tree	Never use with one hand
Always make sure the bumper spike is in place	Beware toward the end of the cut as the chainsaw will no longer be supported by the cut and may fall away toward feet
Avoid felling trees or climbing trees, this should only be done by experienced operators	Ensure no other person is near to the chainsaw or any falling branches or trees
Flexihire recommend all operators read and understand the Stihl "Chainsaw Safety Manual"	
For Electric Chainsaws • Always ensure the input lead has a current test tag (no older than 3 months) or have an electrician test and tag • Always be aware of where the power cord is and do not cut or put anywhere near the chain blade	