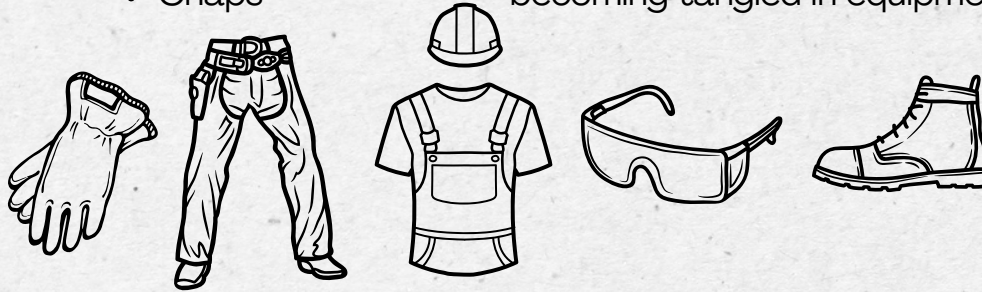


FIREWOOD BANK SAFETY

CHAIN SAWS

A. PROPER SAFETY CLOTHING

- Helmet
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Chaps
- Steel toe boots
- Gloves
- No loose clothing (to avoid becoming tangled in equipment)



B. KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT

1. **Read the chain saw user manual!**
2. Identify the safety features on your chain saw (chain brake, front and rear hand guards, chain catcher, stop switch, vibration damper, throttle trigger lockout, etc.).

C. PREPARE YOUR CHAIN SAW

A chain saw that is in good condition is a safer and easier to operate chain saw.

- Need sharpening? Follow the instructions in your chain manual to sharpen the chain.
- Loose chain? All chains stretch- follow manufacturer's recommendations on chain tension.
- Well oiled? Good lubrication will extend a saw's life.



D. BASIC OPERATING SAFETY TIPS

1. Never refuel a hot engine.
2. Never drop start a saw! Holding a saw with only one hand does not allow for proper control over the swinging action that the bar will make.
3. Have a plan in mind before starting the saw. Walking around with a started saw only increases the risk of injury.

[How To Use a Chainsaw](#)

[Chainsaw 101](#)

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