

Safety Observation Audit – Chainsaw Operation

Safety Audit for _____

(name of employee)

Safe Behavior

Inspect chainsaw before use for proper chain tension, good repair, loose bolts and screws, levels of fuel and chain lubricant, filter conditions, and safety features. Wear all appropriate personal protective equipment. Start chainsaw from a stable surface clear of debris and combustible material. Position body properly and pull starter rope after setting chain brake, turning on switch, and positioning choke. Once started, release trigger and be sure chain does not move during idle. Never carry chainsaw unless chain brake is on or engine is off. Keep blade pointed to the rear when carrying the chainsaw. Inspect the work area for hazards and plan an escape route before cutting. Never cut above shoulder level. Keep chain teeth sharp. Control the chainsaw at all times with “thumb-lock” hand position. Use proper open-faced cutting technique to directionally fell trees. Avoid turning or rolling of logs during limbing and topping. Take rest breaks when necessary.

OBSERVATIONS	SAFE	UNSAFE	COMMENTS
(1) Chainsaw inspection			
(2) Saw started properly			
(3) Inspect starting site and cutting area			
(4) Proper carrying technique			
(5) Look for hazards			
(6) Plan escape route			
(7) Saw not used above shoulder level			
(8) Saw controlled at all times			
(9) Proper open-face cutting techniques			
(10) Logs stable when limbing/topping			
(11) Adequate work breaks taken			
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No. of safe observations: _____ No. of unsafe observations: _____ % safe observations: _____

General safety comments: _____

By _____

Date _____