



Maryland Forest Service Safety Gram January 2011



Topic: Chainsaw Use & Safety

From Operations Order 2008-210 Personal Protective Equipment:

Chain Saw Operation

An agency employee or volunteer will demonstrate the safe and proper use of a chain saw to the satisfaction of the Regional Fire Manager or designee prior to being assigned any activities or projects that involve the use of a chainsaw.

All chainsaw operators shall wear:

- ☞ Hard Hat
- ☞ Hearing Protection
- ☞ Eye Protection
- ☞ Leather Gloves
- ☞ Chainsaw Chaps or Pants
- ☞ Leather Boots with skid resistant soles and minimum 8" height

All PPE requirements listed above are in compliance with OSHA standards for Chainsaw use.

Chainsaw Safety Tips:

- Do not work by yourself.
- Have a plan in the event of a medical emergency, e.g., have communications with the local 911 center or DNR Communications (radio), etc. How will a patient be evacuated?
- Have a well-stocked first aid kit nearby.
- Follow the OSHA requirement of keeping all people at least two tree lengths away (sawyer's responsibility). People may enter only with the sawyer's permission.
- Don't fell trees outside of your capabilities



What went wrong here?

