



Hands-on CHAINSAW SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE Workshop

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Safety First!

A Hands-On Workshop to help you learn to maintain and operate your chainsaw safely.

Chainsaws have become an everyday tool for a wide variety of individuals. Once the tool of the professional logger, today more than 25 makes of saws are available in a wide variety of sizes and configurations. Homeowners use them to cut firewood and to do general tree trimming around their homes. Family forest owners and farmers find them useful for clearing land, thinning trees, and cutting firewood. Contractors and landscapers use them for cutting large timbers, crossties, and landscaping ties as well as clearing land.

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In the hands of a careless, inexperienced or tired operator, the chainsaw can be very hazardous. Logging injuries are the number one occupational hazard in the U.S., and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated that more than 44,000 people required hospital treatment for chainsaw-related injuries. Most accidents were caused when the operator came in contact with a moving chain. Injuries from a chain are usually serious because of the jagged cut it leaves. This workshop can help you avoid serious injury.

In this course, you will learn:

- Basic Chainsaw Operation Safety
- Safety Gear and Equipment
- How to Maintain Your Saw

BRING YOUR SAW! This is a hands-on workshop.

The course will be led by an expert safety educator from Stihl Northwest of Chehalis.

Course topics include

- How to Properly Sharpen Your Chain
- Maximizing Power and Air Flow
- Vibration and Fatigue
- Safety Equipment
- Complete Your Tool Kit
- Understanding Fuel
- Starting the Engine
- Preparing to Cut
- Understanding Terminology like "Widowmaker"



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