

CHALLENGE SOUTH WEST LTD

RISK ASSESSMENT

DATE:	1 st July 2015	OPERATION :	Use of Chainsaws
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Hazards:

Minor/major cuts from the saw &/or injuries from timber/branches being cut
 Noise from using chainsaw.
 Inexperienced/untrained people using chainsaws
 Lone working whilst setting up for an event
 Pollution from petrol or chain oil
 Site Specific Risks

Pre-Controls Assessment: Task Risk = Low	Severity	Likelihood of Occurrence					Risk Rating: Low 1 to 9 Medium 10 to 15 High 16 to 25	
			1	2	3	4		5
		1	1	2	3	4		5
		2	2	4	6	8		10
		3	3	6	9	12		15
		4	4	8	12	16		20
5	5	10	15	20	25			

Controls:
 All operators/users of chainsaws shall wear suitable PPE to consist of gloves, ballistic trousers/boots helmet with visor/earmuffs and helmet peak (not arborists helmet with reduced peak) at all times when using a chainsaw.
 All operators shall have a suitable certificate of training/competency to LANTRA or NPTC level.
 At no time shall anyone operate a chainsaw on a site on their own and there must be a First Aid kit available at all times.
 Top up fuel and oil away from streams ditches and watercourses.
 Check site/area for any specific dangers i.e. overhead or underground services that may affect the work.

Post-Controls Assessment: Task Risk = Low	Severity	Likelihood of Occurrence					Risk Rating: Low 1 to 9 Medium 10 to 15 High 16 to 25	
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Declaration:
 For and on Behalf of Challenge South West ltd

 Signature: ...Chris Pedlar..... Position: ...Chairman.....