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DOC-CHS-FV · Chainsaw Field Verification Checklist

Product Overview

For: Businesses whose workers use chainsaws for cross-cutting, limbing and basic felling: owners, supervisors, WHS advisers and workplace assessors

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An editable supervisor's checklist that checks, on site, that the controls for chainsaw are in place and working.

The supervisor looks at each control working, not at its paperwork, and marks each check Pass, Not met or N/A, with the evidence seen. ★ marks the critical controls, and a critical control that is Not met is escalated the same shift. The checklist also has questions for the people doing the work, an actions table with owners and due dates, a summary and sign-off.

It is the same checklist as in the Chainsaw Safety & Competency Pack (DOC-CHS-PACK), word for word. The Chainsaw VOC Assessment Template (DOC-CHS-VOC) and the Chainsaw Safe Work Instruction Template (DOC-CHS-SWI) are also sold on their own. The Chainsaw Safety & Competency Pack (DOC-CHS-PACK) contains them all: the safe work instruction, the chainsaw pre-start checklist, the VOC and the field verification, with a setup guide.

A document is not a control. The chain brake, the sharp chain, the chainsaw PPE, the exclusion zone and the competent operator are the controls. These documents describe them, check them, and record that they are working. A control must change the risk, and someone must be able to check it.

These documents support your business to manage risk and meet its WHS or OHS duties. They do not do that on their own. They are general templates: adapt them to your equipment, your site and your people, consult your workers, and check that the controls they describe are in place and working.

What is included

Item	File
Supervisor field verification checklist: PPE, saw safety features, exclusion zones and the limits of basic felling	02_FIELD_VERIFICATION/Supervisor Field Verification Checklist.docx and .pdf
Setup note: what to adapt before use, and every placeholder	01_START_HERE/Setup Note.pdf
Start here: Read Me First, Product Overview, Permitted Use Terms, Version Information	01_START_HERE/ (four PDFs)

Who it is for

- Businesses whose workers use chainsaws for cross-cutting, limbing and basic felling
- Supervisors and managers who check that controls are working, on a set schedule and after a change or incident
- WHS advisers setting up consistent critical control verification across sites

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Supervisor Field Verification Checklist

Chainsaws: PPE, kickback controls, exclusion zones and the limits of basic work

Site		**Areas checked**	
Date and time		**Shift**	
Verified by		**Equipment checked (IDs)**	

How to verify

- Visit the area while chainsaw work is under way. Look at each control working, not at its paperwork.
- Mark each check Pass, Not met or N/A. Pass means you saw the control in place and working. If you did not see it, it is not a Pass.
- Write what you saw in the evidence column: a location, a photo reference, a record you sampled.
- Talk to the people doing the work, using the questions after the checks. They know where the near misses are.
- Record every Not met in the actions table, with an owner and a due date. Fix what you can on the spot, and record that too.

Escalate now

If a ★ critical control is Not met, act before you leave the area. Stop or restrict the chainsaw work there until it is fixed or another control is in place, and tell **[Escalation contact]** the same shift. A failed critical control is a high potential incident: report it as one.

Checks

★ marks a critical control: one whose failure could let a person be cut, struck by kickback or struck by falling timber. Delete checks that do not apply, and add your own.

No.	Look for (★ critical control)	Pass	Not met	N/A	What you saw (evidence)
PPE					
1	Operators wear cut-resistant leg protection, boots, helmet with face and hearing protection, and gloves ★	☐	☐	☐	
2	PPE is in good condition	☐	☐	☐	
Saw safety features					
3	Chain brakes, throttle lock-outs and chain catchers work on the saws sampled ★	☐	☐	☐	
4	Chains are sharp and tensioned	☐	☐	☐	
Exclusion zone					
5	An exclusion zone is kept around cutting and felling ★	☐	☐	☐	
6	Escape routes are cleared for felling ★	☐	☐	☐	

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