

# Due North Gardens – Safety Operating Procedures

## CHAINSAW – PETROL OPERATED

**DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and have been given permission**

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Locate and ensure you are familiar with all machine operations and controls.
- ✓ Ensure the machine is clean so you can see any loose, worn or defective parts and other safety hazards.
- ✓ Inspect fuel lines, tank and area around carburetor for fuel leaks. Do not operate if leaks are found.
- ✓ Check the effectiveness of chainbrakes and operating controls.
- ✓ Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
- ✓ Check condition of the anti-vibration mountings of the handles.
- ✓ Ensure chain is sharp and correctly tensioned.

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ When starting the chainsaw on the ground:
  - Ensure no obstructions are present, particularly near the tip of the guide bar.
  - Ensure the chainbrake is applied
  - Place your right foot through the rear handle and place your left hand on the front handle.
  - Operate the starter with the right hand.
- ✓ Keep a firm grip on the chainsaw with both hands and the thumb of the hand holding the front handle wrapped around the handle.
- ✓ Maintain a proper balance and secure footing.
- ✓ Start the cut with the saw chain rotating at full speed and the spiked bumper in contact with the wood.
- ✓ Be aware of the guidebar nose at all times when the saw chain is in motion.
- ✓ Pay full attention to the operation and be alert for movement of the material being cut.
- ✓ Be alert to situations that may cause material to pinch the top of the saw chain.
- ✓ Apply chainbrake when saw is at rest.
- ✓ Allow the unit to cool before refuelling.

### ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Remove any foreign material from in and around motor and guards.
- ✓ Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES

- ⓘ Kick-back.
- ⓘ Push-back.
- ⓘ Pull-in.
- ⓘ Hair/clothing getting caught in moving machine parts.
- ⓘ Rotating chain.
- ⓘ Flying debris.
- ⓘ Trip hazards.
- ⓘ Noise.

### DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Report suspect machinery immediately.
- ✗ Never use a chainsaw over shoulder height.

**This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.**