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**Reference:** Occupational Health and Safety Act, Industrial Establishments regulation 851, sections 103-119

1. All tree cutting operations carried out by employees or by a Contractor's employees, acting for the Corporation of the County of Elgin, shall be carried out in accordance with Sections 103 – 119 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of Ontario and Regulations for Industrial Establishments.
2. Each chain saw operator shall be equipped with the necessary personal protective equipment (hard hat, face shield or safety glasses, ear muffs or equivalent, gloves [ballastic nylon], chaps of ballastic nylon and safety boots).
3. Each chain saw shall be equipped with the latest safety devices (anti-kick back chain and chain brake).
4. Employees shall view a video entitled "Chain Saws and Common Sense" (STIHL) yearly on the operation and safe use of the chain saw.
5. All repair work shall be carried out by trained personnel who are familiar with the equipment.
6. If the tree is to be burned, due care should be used when starting the fire or keeping the fire going. Fire extinguishers and a mobile radio shall be made available.

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7. If the tree is to be chipped, a fore-person who has been trained shall train the employees in the chipper's proper use.
  8. During the chipping process, each operator shall be equipped with the necessary proper protective equipment (ear protection, glasses, tight fitting gloves). Each employee shall ensure that they are not wearing any loose clothing.