



# CHAINSAW OPERATORS SAFETY COURSE

**Course Overview** This two day course is developed and presented to facilitate compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act [Section 25 (2) (a)]*. The course provides participants with the knowledge and the basic skills to sharpen, maintain and operate a chainsaw competently; they will know how to fell and limb timber under a variety of conditions; they will be able to identify and deal appropriately with hazardous situations. The course consists of the following 6 modules:

- ▶ **Module 1:** Protect Self and Others
- ▶ **Module 2:** Work in Safe Environment
- ▶ **Module 3:** Plan Organize and Prepare Job Site
- ▶ **Module 4:** Maintain Chainsaw and Related Felling Equipment
- ▶ **Module 5:** Fell Trees
- ▶ **Module 6:** (optional) Chipper.

**Who Should Attend:** This course is designed for all public works employees and contractors who operate chainsaws/chippers as part of their regular maintenance activities.

**Learning Objectives:** By the end of the course participants will have the knowledge and basic skills to:

- ▶ Sharpen, maintain and operate a chainsaw competently

- ▶ Fell and limb timber under a variety of conditions
- ▶ Identify and deal appropriately with hazardous situations.

**Group Size**

- ▶ Maximum course load is 12 trainees
- ▶ Minimum course load is 8 to 10 trainees
- ▶ Each trainee must participate in both training days
  - Day 1: theory
  - Day 2: practical

**Participant's Required Materials:**

Each trainee will require the following personal protective equipment and supplies for both training days:

- ▶ A chainsaw with chain brake
- ▶ CSA approved workboots
- ▶ Chainsaw safety pants or chaps

- ▶ CSA approved class B hard hat
- ▶ PPS equipment
- ▶ Felling wedge and depth gauge
- ▶ Proper size round file for chain sharpening
- ▶ Chainsaw combination tool (wrench and screw driver)
- ▶ Cleaning brush (old tooth brush or nail brush)
- ▶ Proper fuel mix and chain oil

**Evaluation/Documentation:** Theory exam (multiple choice) and/or oral exam (by instructor). Each successful participant will be provided with a certificate of completion.

**About the Facilitator:** Developed and delivered to you by **Greg Pfaff (Greg Pfaff Educational Service)**.

