

# SAFETY ALERT

## The importance of wearing the correct PPE for the job you are doing.

In recent months the wearing of PPE has prevented serious injuries and, in some cases, if not for PPE these injuries could have been horrific.

### TRENDS:

(Chainsaw cuts to safety chaps)

- \* 1 MTI - where a tree faller has cut through his safety chaps and has cut his leg, this required 15 stitches
- \* 1 Minor - where another tree faller has cut through his safety chaps, lucky the chain has stopped, the faller only got his leg scratched.
- \* 2 Near hits - 2 separate tree fallers have also cut their chaps, no injuries.

### Ensure PPE are:

- Always worn
- Are in good condition
- Past their expiry dates, replace
- If damaged, replace or repair
- If they are worn, replace
- Hi viz, dirty or faded, wash or replace
- Check regularly

## Personal Protective Equipment - PPE

### Helmet

Must be clean, no paint, no cracks - otherwise replace immediately, Valid from date of purchase.

### Ear Muffs

Hygiene kit in good condition, no cracks in it. If damaged or torn replace

### Eye Wear

Safety glasses or visor - must be worn at all times by chainsaw operators

### Hi Viz

Must be clearly visible and clean with minimum 150sq cm visible on front and back. If not, replace immediately

### Chaps

No cuts to Kevlar, buckles/straps intact. Chaps must be replaced when one layer of Kevlar is cut.

### Gloves

To be worn when handling wire ropes, strops

### Boots

Must be steel capped and in good condition. Spikes must be worn by all fallers & breaker outs.



**IMMEDIATELY**  
means the NEXT day

**Spikes** must be in good condition (not rounded off). Spiked boots cannot be worn while operating machines.