

Safety Alert – Slips/Trips/Falls and Fatigue

Slips/trips/falls and fatigue need to be managed especially while operating machinery such as chainsaws.

In November 2022 fatigue was a contributing factor to an incident where kickback to the face occurred and in March 2023 a slip/trip/fall contributed to a sliced arm. Both resulted in stitches.



Causes:

- Lack of nutrition – the worker forgot to bring lunch and was tired and shaky near the end of the day, used poor technique and kick back to the face occurred. The worker had Unit code 22994.
- Slip/trip/fall – a worker slipped over and sliced their arm on their freshly sharpened chainsaw.

What can you do:

- Check that all workers have sufficient food and water either before leaving town or during tailgate meetings.
- Renew boots when the tread is looking worn to ensure the best grip possible.
- Continue training.