



## Chainsaw Operator Course

COURSE CODE: MECH 82



**Using a chainsaw can carry a high risk of accidental injury and damage. Gain the qualifications employers seek and take control of your personal safety in operating this power tool. Our industry-standard safety course teaches you how to handle a chainsaw both safely and efficiently.**

### Course Highlights

This entry-level course, based on the competency standards set by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and developed by Workplace Safety North, teaches the knowledge and basic skills to safely handle a chainsaw, to demonstrate safe practices and to fell trees properly.

The first eight hours are spent in class learning chainsaw use, maintenance and sharpening, and safe chainsaw handling techniques. Then two days are spent in the field practicing these techniques with an emphasis on safety methods.

*You must be physically fit to take this course. As well, you must be 19 years of age or older or a high school graduate.*

*Please ensure your chainsaw is operational before you arrive.*

### Required Equipment

Please bring this equipment to every class.

- CSA- or ANSI-approved “Class E” hardhat with cutting screen.
- CSA standard safety glasses with side shields or goggles.
- CSA-Approved 8”-high steel-toe work boots – chainsaw cut protection preferred.
- Hearing protection – ear muffs are preferred or earplugs.
- Chainsaw pants or chaps. Full protection front, plus protection on back of leg from knee to ankle.
- Leather-palmed work gloves.
- Operational chainsaw with working chain brake.
- High-visibility (hi-vis) safety shirt, vest, jacket or coveralls.
- Gas (properly mixed with 2-cycle oil in appropriate ratio for your saw). Chain bar oil suitable for the season. Please do not bring fuel and oil into the classroom.
- Toolkit for your chainsaw including: Round file gauge, proper-size round files (see owner’s manual), screwdriver/wrench combination tool, carburetor adjusting screwdriver, bar groove cleaner, depth gauge tool and flat file.
- Lunch and water for each day.
- Clothing for field days suitable for long periods spent out of doors, according to current weather conditions. Extra gloves recommended.
- Felling wedges and hatchet (optional)
- Small First Aid kit and insect repellent (optional)