



## Chainsaw Use – Grounds Care

A serious injury has occurred at a school through the use of a chainsaw during grounds maintenance activities.

The incident occurred due to a lack of a safe system of work being implemented.

All schools should ensure that safe systems of work are in place particularly when high risk machinery (such as a chainsaw) is involved.

Guidance can be obtained from the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland - Plant Code of Practice.

The following sections are particularly relevant:

Obligations of persons conducting a business or undertaking:

- Risk management
- Maintenance, servicing and cleaning
- Instructing, training and supervising workers
- Competency
- Records

### More Information

Plant Code of Practice

<http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/law/legislation/codes/index.htm>

Safe Operating Procedure & Equipment Maintenance Records -

<http://education.qld.gov.au/health/safety/hazards/equip.html>