

# Chainsaw

## AgSafe Safe Work Procedure

1. Carrying the saw
  - a. Engine must be completely off
  - b. Apply the scabbard (cover) to protect yourself from the chains
  - c. Carry the saw so that the bar is pointing behind you
2. Do not try to drop start the saw.
3. Always operate the chainsaw with protective chaps on.

### To Start/ Operate the Saw

1. Engage the chain brake
2. Place the saw firmly on the ground or on another solid surface area; make sure there is no one and nothing around while starting the saw.
3. Grip the front handle bar of the saw firmly with your left hand and press down.
4. With your right hand pull out the starter grip slowly until you feel a definite resistance and then give it a brisk strong pull. Then guide the starter rope slowly into the recoil.
5. Never attempt to start the saw while in attempting to cut.
6. Do not work alone; make sure you are always in calling distance if help is needed.
7. Always keep your hands away from the moving chain.
8. Only cut wood with the chainsaw.
9. Make sure to be holding the saw firmly with both hands when using to avoid kickback.
10. Always be sure you can see the tip of the saw when cutting.

Please use the following **Safe Work Procedures** as a guideline to building your own safe work procedures.