

## Wood Chipper Safety Addendum

Chipper machines cut tree limbs into small chips. Hazards arise when workers get too close to, or make contact with, the chipper. Contact with chipper operating components (blades, discs or knives) may result in amputation or death. Workers may also be injured by material thrown from the machine. To minimize these hazards, use appropriate engineering and work practice controls, including worker training.

This document is intended to assist users and operators in the safe operation of wood chippers and related equipment. Specifically, it recommends prevention steps to minimize the potential for personal injury and property damage. All operators should be familiar with these safety requirements before using the machinery. It is NOT a replacement for the manufacturer's safety and operating manuals, which each operator has the responsibility to read and understand completely.

Indemnity: to the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, you assume all risks, including without limitation, risk(s) of personal and bodily injury, loss, property damage, destruction and contamination of, to, and/or arising in connection with, the item(s) and service(s) referenced on the contract, as well as all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising from and/or in connection with the selection, provision, inspection, design, manufacture, use, loading, unloading, fueling, transportation, demonstration, storage, servicing, maintenance, repair, delivery and/or retrieval of such item(s) and/or service(s), whether or not your fault (collectively, "risks");

### Hazards

- Workers making contact with or being pulled into the chipper.
- Hearing loss.
- Face, eye, head or hand injuries.

### Safe Work Practices

- **Never reach into a chipper while it is operating.**
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing around a chipper.
- Always follow the manufacturer's guidelines and safety instructions.
- Use earplugs, safety glasses, hard hats and gloves.
- Workers should be trained on the safe operation of chipper machines. Always supervise new workers using a chipper to ensure that they work safely and never endanger themselves or others.
- Protect yourself from contacting operating chipper components by guarding the infeed and discharge ports, and preventing the opening of the access covers or doors until the drum or disc completely stops.
- Prevent detached trailer chippers from rolling or sliding on slopes by chocking the trailer wheels.
- Maintain a safe distance (i.e., two tree or log lengths) between chipper operations and other work/workers.
- When servicing and/or maintaining chipping equipment (i.e., "unjamming") use a lockout system to ensure that the equipment is de-energized.

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