

# Tools, Fire Extinguishers and Explosives

Section E of the Forest Activities  
Code

Hand and portable power driven tools.

The employer is responsible for the safe condition of hand and power tools regardless of ownership.

All safety devices must be in place and functioning properly.

The employer must require personnel to:

Inspect each tool prior to use.

Report any unsafe tool condition to the employer.

Remove or repair tools if condition affects safe operation.

Tools must be appropriate for their use.

Used in a safe manner.

Wooden handles must be sound, safe and tight fitting.

Heads of impact driven and driving tools must be dressed or ground to remove any mushrooming.

Cutting edges of tools must be sharp and properly shaped.

When tools are not being used they must be stored in a safe place.

Passengers and driver must not be endangered by tools being transported.

Who takes care of repairing tools?

How do we report unsafe tools?

Who inspects the tools?

Chain saws must be inspected before use.

Chain saws with defective parts must not be used.

Chain saws must not be fueled while the engine is running.

Chain saws must be equipped with an automatic throttle control which will return the engine to idle upon release.

Chain saws must be started on the ground unless otherwise firmly supported.

Chain saws must not be carried in a manner that creates a hazard for the operator.

Chain brakes and other manufacturers safety features must be operational at all times.

What could cause a chain saw to be taken out of service?

How do we get safety equipment repaired on chain saws?

Where you instructed how to start a chain saw?

Were the safe practices of operating chain saws discussed with you?

## Fire extinguishers:

There must be an approved fire extinguisher with a minimum of 1A:10BC on each vehicle and machine.

Fire extinguishers must be fully charged and maintained in operable condition.

Portable fire extinguishers must be visually inspected monthly and have a yearly maintenance check.

The annual maintenance check must be documented and retained.

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Who inspects fire extinguishers at our workplace?

Who does the annual inspection?

What would cause a fire extinguisher to be taken out of service?

Explosives and blasting agents.

Explosives and blasting agents must be handled by qualified, designated personnel.

Explosives and blasting agents must not be transported:

In the drivers compartment.

Any passenger-occupied area of a machine or vehicle.

Explosives must not be hauled on any vehicle while it is transporting workers.

Who is qualified to handle explosives at our workplace?