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## Chainsaw Safety Policy

### Purpose

To define the rules for operating a chainsaw on Telemark property.

### Chainsaw Safety

The BC Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resources developed a course for Basic Chainsaw Operator Training, as described below, to address a number of safety issues and accidents caused by inappropriate use of chainsaws.

The Telemark Nordic Club policy on the use of chainsaws is that **no-one shall operate a chain saw on Telemark property until they have successfully completed a WorkSafe BC-compliant Basic Chainsaw Operator training course. Evidence of completing the course must be on file with Telemark.** With pre-approval, Telemark will reimburse reasonable costs associated with individuals completing the course.

### Basic Chainsaw Operator Training

This course was developed in response to a need identified by a wide range of industry stakeholders as well as WorkSafeBC and the province's forestry coroner to address serious chainsaw injuries and millions of dollars in compensation claims. This course is for both new and experienced chainsaw operators and provides participants with an understanding of their limits.

**Note:** This training does NOT qualify participants to fall trees.

#### Goals & Objectives

Basic chainsaw operator training aims to meet the minimum requirements of Part 115 (2)(e) of the Workers Compensation Act – *Training*, as well as Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Regulation 4.10 – *Authorization* and OHS Regulation 26.3 – *Forestry Operations Training and Documentation*. Basic chainsaw operator training will provide a record in a form and manner acceptable to WorkSafeBC. The competency-based training provided by a Council-qualified trainer is also acceptable to WorkSafeBC.