

Chain Saw Safety

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The chain saws used to clear debris after hurricanes frequently cause serious injuries. To avoid harm, follow these simple directions:

- ALWAYS keep both hands on the chain saw handles.
- Cut below your head. Never cut over your head.
- Cut with the lower edge of the saw blade whenever possible.
- Cutting with the tip of the saw is inviting injury.
- Watch out when cutting limbs or branches, which are bent. They may snap back and hit you.
- Let the chain saw do the work. Don't try to force the saw.
- Wear protective clothing: hard hat, goggles, safety shoes, gloves and trim-fitting clothes.