**Task:** OPERATING A GASOLINE POWERED POLE SAW / POLE HEDGER/TRIMMER

**Modification to Daily Attire Requirements:** Long Pants or Equivalent such as Chaps

**Required PPE:**

1. Safety Glasses or Face Shield  
2. Safety Shoes  
3. Hard Hat (see below)  
4. Hearing Protection  
5. Gloves  
6. Reflective Safety Vest (see below)

**Required Training:**
- Read, understand, and follow manufacturer’s safety instructions.
- Training with a competent person.
- Lockout/Tagout Training (LOTO)

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- Per MSDS/SDS: Wear gloves appropriate for use with gas / oil  
- Wear safety glasses or face shield  
- Never add fuel to hot or running equipment  
- Always add fuel outdoors, ensure fuel cap is secure before use of equipment  
- Do not add fuel near open flame, sparks or other ignition sources.  
- Clean fuel spills immediately; do not start engine until fumes have dispersed |
| Head Injury |  |  
- Wear hard hat while conducting overhead operations and if in vicinity of such work. Ensure hard hat is secure and will not fall off when looking up |
| Eye Injury |  |  
- Wear safety glasses OR  
- Use face shield as needed to prevent injury from flying or falling debris |
| Hearing Damage |  |  
- Wear ear plugs or earmuffs |
| Bodily Injury |  |  
- Remain aware of your surroundings  
- Watch for loose branches and other debris subject to dislodgement during operations  
- Maintain control of equipment at all times  
- Wear reflective safety vest if on or in close proximity to roadways |
| Cuts, Scrapes, Burns, etc. |  |  
- Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts  
- Avoid contact with hot engine components |
| Operating Pole Saw/Hedger/Trimmer | Muscle Strain | • Use proper ergonomics; maintain balance, avoid overreaching and twisting  
• Re-position body frequently to avoid muscle strain |
| Injury to Self and Others | • Establish safe job site clearance, place cones, barricades and signs to warn others of work area  
• Stop work temporarily if heavy pedestrian traffic is present  
• Be aware of changing conditions  
• Establish a look-out as needed to prevent injury to pedestrians or other workers |
| Procedure for malfunctioning or broken equipment | Bodily Injury | • Obtain Accident Prevention Tag-mark equipment “Do Not Use” – specify problem.  
• Whenever possible isolate power source so equipment cannot be used. (Lock Out- Tag Out)  
• Notify shop and/or take equipment to shop. |