

## Husqvarna Gas Chainsaws Safety Precautions

1) Long term inhalation of the engines exhaust fumes, chain oil mist, and dust from saw dust can represent a health risk. Always operate in a well ventilated area to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and wear a dust mask when necessary.

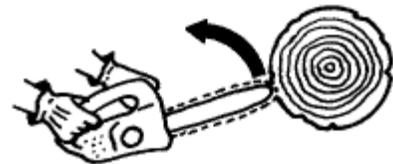
2) This machine is only designed for cutting wood. Do not cut any other materials.

3) Never use the machine while fatigued, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, medications, or anything that could affect your vision, alertness, coordination or judgement.

4) Wear personal protective equipment:

- An approved protective helmet
- Hearing protection
- Protective goggles or a visor
- Gloves and trousers with saw protection
- Steel toe non-slip sole boots

5) Make sure the kickback zone of the bar never touches any object. Kickback zone is at the end of the bar on the top right of the chain bar. A chain brake is designed to stop the chain in case of kickback occurrence.



- The chain brake can be activated manually by your left hand or automatically by the inertia release mechanism. The brake is applied when the front hand guard is pushed forwards - ensure this guard is present and in good condition.
- The chain brake must be engaged when the chain is started to prevent the saw from rotating while not in use. Use it as a "parking brake" when starting and when moving over short distances to prevent injury to yourself



or anyone around.

- To release the chain brake, pull the front hand guard backwards towards the front handle.
- Maintain a firm grip on the front hand guard in case of kickback to have enough force to push it forward and activate chain brake.

6) A slack chain may jump off and cause serious or even fatal injury. The more you use a chain, the longer it becomes. It is therefore, important to adjust the chain regularly to take up the slack. Chain tension should be tight but not so tight that you cannot pull it around freely by hand. To adjust chain tension on most chain saws:

- undo the bar nuts that hold the clutch cover/chain brake. Use the combination spanner. Then tighten the bar nuts by hand as tight as you can.
- Raise the tip of the bar and stretch the chain by tightening the chain tensioning crew using the combination spanner. Tighten the chain until it does not sag.
- Use the combination spanner to tighten the bar nuts while lifting the tip of the bar at the same time. Check that you can pull the chain round freely by hand.