

## 6. GUARD AGAINST KICK-BACK!



*(Kick-back is the jumping up or backwards motion of the guide bar and saw chain which occurs when the saw chain, at the tip of the guide bar, touches another object during the cutting operation.) Be alert to what you are doing!*

**DON'T** Let the tip of the bar and chain contact other objects while the chain is moving.

**DON'T** Run the engine slowly at the start or during the cut.

**DON'T** Cut with loose or dull chain.

**DON'T** Cut above shoulder height.

**DON'T** Cut in awkward positions (off-balance, out-stretched arms, one-handed, etc.).

**DON'T** Relax your grip (always use the proper grip).



## CHECK LIST

### PRIOR TO STARTING

- Fuel tank full with recommended mix
- Chain oil tank full
- Manual oiler operation
- Chain tensioned properly
- Chain sharpened properly
- All exterior screws in place and tight
- Muffler secure
- Fire screen installed when required
- Air filter clean

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KIORITZ CORPORATION OF AMERICA  
MC CULLOCH CORPORATION  
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## For the Safe & Efficient Operation of Your Gasoline Powered Chain Saw



*Read and apply the enclosed safety rules*

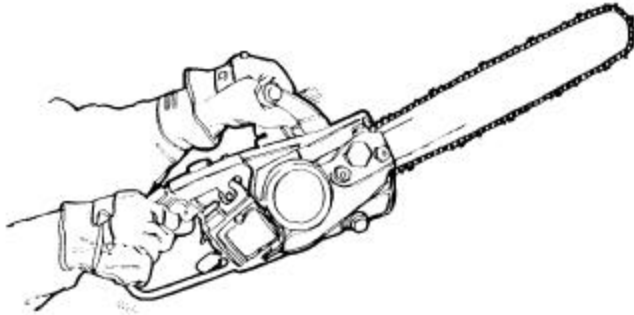


Operation of this chain saw should be restricted to mature, properly instructed adults. Do not attempt operations beyond your capacity or experience.

## 1. WARNING... Chain Saws Can Be Dangerous!



Consult the operator's manual or the rental agent for the proper operating instructions for this saw.

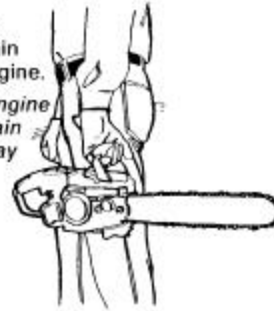


## 2. ALWAYS...

- Hold the chain saw firmly with both hands when the engine is running. Use a grip with the thumb and fingers encircling the handles as shown.
- Cut at high engine speeds (full throttle).

## 3. ALWAYS...

- Use substantial footwear, snug-fitting clothing, and eye, hearing and head protective devices.
- Start your saw without help. Don't start a saw on your leg or knee.
- Avoid spilling fuel. Replace the fuel cap tightly and move at least 25 feet away from refueling area before restarting.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher (Class B) handy.
- Keep chain correctly sharpened and properly tensioned on guide bar.
- Keep all screws and fasteners tight.
- Use extreme caution when handling saw chain. *(Wear gloves. Don't try to stop a moving chain with your hand).*
- Keep your saw free from dirt, fuel and sawdust build-up. Be careful of build-up around the engine fins and muffler. Keep muffler screens and baffles clean.
- Use only the fuel mix recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep all parts of your body and clothing away from the saw chain when starting or running the engine.
- Carry your chain saw safely. *(Engine stopped, guide bar and saw chain pointed behind you, muffler away from your body).*



## 4. PLAN AHEAD... Think of What You Are Doing.

- Keep your work area clear.
- Maintain secure footing.
- Have pre-planned exit paths from falling trees and limbs. The tree may not always fall in the planned direction.
- Watch for "spring-back" of limbs under tension. Don't operate your saw in a tree or on a ladder without proper training and equipment. Operate your saw *only* in well ventilated areas.
- Stand on the uphill side of the log when cutting.



## 5. DON'T...

- Don't allow other persons and/or animals in your work area.
- Don't smoke near the fuel can or chain saw.
- Don't contact a hot muffler.
- Don't operate without a muffler. Use a spark arrestor where required.
- Don't cut anything but wood.
- Don't operate the saw unless the chain stops when the engine idles. *(Have repaired).*
- Don't fell a tree during high or changing winds.
- Don't work alone.