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| **Consequences** | | | |
|  | **Extreme**  *Death or permanent disability* | **Major**  *Serious bodily injury* | **Moderate**  *Medical treatment and time away from work may be required\** | **Minor**  *First aid, no lost time* |
| **Likelihood** |
| **Very likely**  *Could happen frequently* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **Likely**  *Could happen occasionally* | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **Unlikely**  *Could happen, but rare* | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| **Very unlikely**  *Could happen, but likely never will* | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

**\*** Don’t underestimate “moderate” consequences. They could be very important — give them serious consideration.

**The scores (1 – 7) indicate how important it is to do something about each risk**

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| **1, 2, 3** | **HIGH** | Do something about these immediately |
| **4,5** | **MODERATE** | Do something about these risks as soon as possible |
| **6,7** | **LOW** | These risks may not need immediate attention |

**Factors to consider when determining:**

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| **Likelihood** | **Consequences** |
| Number of times a situation occurs | Potential for chain reaction |
| Number of people exposed and duration | Substance concentration |
| Skills/experience of persons exposed | Material volume |
| Position of the hazard relative to people and other hazards | Speed of projectiles or moving parts |
| Special characteristics of workers that may affect the likelihood of an incident | Height of worker or lanyard |
| Quantities of materials or point of exposure | Worker position relative to the hazard |
| Environmental conditions | Weight of worker or hazard |
| Condition of the equipment | Forces and energy level |
| Effectiveness of existing control measures |  |

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| **Risk Assessment:** | **Chainsaw Safety** | | | |
| **Company Name:** |  | **Workplace Location(s):** | |  |
| **Prepared by:** |  | | **Date:** |  |
| **Workplace Risk Level:** |  | | | |

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| **Assessment** | | | |
| **Tasks** | **Hazard(s)** | **Level of Risk** | **Control** |
| Chainsaw utilized to make cuts in wood: blowdown logs, fallen trees, rails, posts or similar but does not include falling of trees with safe footing in place. | Cuts from chainsaw, resulting from kickback or misplacement of the saw when saw is running | **3**  Unlikely:  Could happen but rare.  Consequences: can be extreme, death or permanent disability. | * Utilize all regulatory compliant chainsaw safety gear provided. * Worker has been observed and or trained and or instructed and found to be competent by supervisor. * Observe all work alone procedures and if required to effect job do not work alone. * Ensure saw is sharp and chain is properly adjusted. * Do not allow saw tip to touch gravel or other potential projectile substances. * Ensure proper lift, hold and positioning body when using saw to avoid injury to back or other strain. * Maintain a clean and clear worksite and surrounding area. * First aid kit is readily available. |
| Downed or fallen trees, logs / trees / limbs across fence lines and/or roadways. |
| Cutting and preparation of rails to length and for use in gates, fences, and similar. |
| Cutting of firewood for non-personal use but for use on the farm. |
| **Other Recommendations:** | | | |
| Take safe chainsaw operator training as available. | | | |

