

Safe Work Procedure – Bucker

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- Hi-vis Hardhat
- Hi-vis Vest
- Leg Protection
- Hearing Protection
- Suitable Footwear
- Gloves
- Eye Protection

PROCEDURES:

- Bucker is to control traffic on landings.
- Ensure other workers are clear of your hazardous area.
- Watch for pivot points and scissor logs while bucking.
- Stand on the upper side of log situated on an incline.
- Be certain you are not standing on the whip side.
- Logs must not be partially bucked.
- When limbing, stand with both legs on the opposite side of the log.
- Avoid stepping on chunks.
- Ensure danger trees are removed by qualified worker from around the landing.
- Keep clear of loader and skidding machines.
- Never turn your back to approaching equipment. Watch for trees that may hang-up and pivot while being skidded onto the landing.
- Do not start limbing or bucking until chokers have been removed.
- Make sure logs are stable before bucking.
- Never walk under a log that is being held up by the loader.
- Choose a maintenance area away from other work activity. Go to this safe zone when bucking is completed.
- If all chokers cannot be unhooked, stand well in the clear when the skidder moves ahead to clear the drag.

CHAINSAW SAFETY:

- Saws are to be maintained in good running order.
- Place saw on a firm base when starting.
- Shut off saw when cleaning it.
- Fuel is to be carried in an approved container suitably marked.
- Be aware of hot exhaust system when servicing and filling.
- Do not smoke when refueling.
- Fit handles on all files; do not carry files in your pocket.
- Shut off saw when carrying it any distance.
- When carrying the saw, keep the bar to the rear to avoid falling on the chain if you trip.
- To reduce the risk of kickbacks, keep a firm grip on the saw.
- Avoid touching limbs or other objects with the tip of the bar.
- Chain brakes are to be maintained in good order.
- Stop chain when moving from cut to cut.

