

## Chainsaws

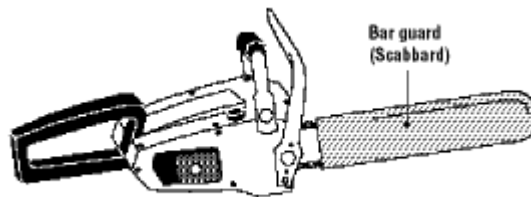
# Chainsaws - Handling, Transportation, and Storage

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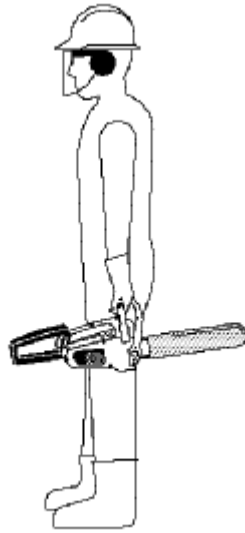
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### What are some safety tips for handling, transporting, and storing?

- Handle chainsaws safely to prevent injury to yourself or others.
- Shut off the chainsaw motor before setting it down or carrying it for more than a very short distance. It is extremely dangerous to carry a chainsaw when the engine is running.
- Let the chainsaw cool before transporting.
- Engage the chain brake when carrying the chain saw
- Use a scabbard or bar guard to cover the chain when carrying or transporting a chainsaw.



- Carry the chainsaw with the bar pointed behind you. Ensure the scabbard is on and the muffler is away from the body.



- Use a carrying case to prevent damage to the saw during transit and storage. The case also provides appropriate storage for the owner's manual and tools.
- Use a carrying case, bar cover, or wrap the chain to prevent injuries or damage from contact with the chain.
- Tie down and secure the chainsaw, accessories, fuel containers, and carrying case during transportation to prevent them from moving. Consider draining oil and fuel into approved safety containers to reduce the chance of leaks.
- Drain all fuel into an approved safety container before storing the chain saw for long periods, including starting the motor to empty fuel from the carburetor.
- Keep fuel and oil away from sparks and hot surfaces.
- Store your chainsaw in a cool, dry place.
- Do not carry a chainsaw on your shoulder unless the chain is properly guarded or removed.
- Do not transport chainsaws, fuel, or oil in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.
- Review the manufacturer's manual for additional safety instructions.

Refer to OSH Answers document [Chainsaws - Safe Use of Chainsaws](#) for more information.

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