BOWDOIN COLLEGE
CHAINSAW SAFETY PROGRAM

Purpose
This document meets the requirements outlined in OSHA Title 29 CFR 1910.266 for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a written safety program for Logging Operations. The purpose of the program is to provide information and training to designated employees of Bowdoin College regarding the inspection, maintenance, and safe use of chainsaws and related equipment.

Scope
The chainsaw safety program applies to designated employees (current Designated Employees List attached) who may reasonably expect to engage in activities requiring the use of such equipment in the course of their assigned work.

Program Components

1. Program Administrator. The Arborist/Grounds Specialist will be the chainsaw safety program administrator.

2. Safe Work Practices. The operator is ultimately responsible for knowing the correct operation of the equipment, assessing potential operating hazards in the workplace, and ensuring the safety of themselves and other personnel and property in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.266(e)(2), Chainsaws.

3. Employee Training. The Grounds Maintenance Manager will coordinate initial and 3-year refresher training for designated employees. Records of training will be kept by the Grounds office for the duration of employment. Training shall include the following components:
   - General requirements of the OSHA 29 CFR 1910.266(e)(2) and ANSI B175.1-1991 standards.
   - Contents of the chainsaw manufacturer's manual.
   - A classroom session covering at a minimum:
     o General operating instructions for the chainsaw the operator will be using
     o Use of personal protective equipment (PPE), specifically protection of the eyes/face, hearing, hands, legs, and feet
     o Daily inspections
     o Safe operating procedures
     o Hazard assessments
     o Workplace-specific topics
   - Hands-on training of the chainsaw to be used in the work environment.
   - An evaluation of the employee’s competence by the instructor or Supervisor.

4. Inspections and Maintenance. A daily pre-shift visual inspection will be made by a certified operator prior to use. Chainsaws will be inspected at least annually by a qualified contractor, and maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications and in compliance with the ANSI B175.1-1991 standards.

5. Program Review. The program will be audited at least annually by the Grounds Maintenance Manager, and through periodic inspections by Supervisors of the practices at the facility. Supervisors of designated employees shall inform the Grounds Maintenance Manager of any changes in work practices regarding the use of chainsaws.

Attachments
Designated Employees List