

Pictorial Guide to Tree Crew Safety



This man uses a chain saw where he has plenty of room to move away in case the saw bucks, and avoids the other side of the log because of cramped quarters and stubs sticking up from the ground. Note gloves, tucked-in sleeves.



When working on a street with a trimmer lift (above left), groundmen serve as flagmen to keep traffic moving smoothly. The trimmer is signalled when traffic approaches so he won't drop brush on passing car. On the right above, groundmen coiling rope keep a sharp eye peeled for weak spots in rope, and call the foreman for an inspection of questionable strands.



Axemen should carry tools properly at side, away from co-worker as this crewman is doing. Don't swing tools and don't carry them over the shoulder. The partner's responsibility here is not to walk behind, but to stay at the side out of the way of the axe.



To avoid gasoline spillage this Asplundh man uses a plastic funnel which screws into the filler hole of his chain saw.



The groundman is properly attired for feeding brush into chipper. He wears helmet and goggles, stands back from hopper, and keeps his hands away from hopper by handling brush by the smaller branches. Modern chippers have every possible safety measure built into them, but the operator must nevertheless be properly attired, and follow even the most routine safety precautions.

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After climbers are in trees, remove ladders immediately and place them safely out of the way, preferably on the trucks where racks are provided. This way they won't get knocked over nor will anyone fall over them.



A good groundman will steady the ladder while climbers ascend. This man stands on the ladder and pushes his weight forward to keep it from bouncing. There are two safety ropes in this shot because there are two men in the tree.