- 8. Power saws should be operated in a horizontal position when possible.
- Be careful of burns from hot muffler or cylinder when using gasoline saws.
- 10. Make sure that goggles are in place.
- 11. When a hazard exists while using a power saw, the cut should be completed by hand.

I have noted that a power saw used in a tree should be supported by a safety rope. Exceptions to this rule are discussed wherever arborists gather. A 75 foot dead poplar with few side branches located between two houses and inaccessible by a bucket . . . a six pound saw attached to a belt is only a small burden . . . the trimmer must maneuver two ropes instead of his one life line—all are good reasons why this rule should be abolished.

But the fact remains that safety to the trimmer is a matter of life and death. Exceptions to safety are a prime cause of accidents. The few extra minutes required to re-evaluate the situation, use a hand saw to make a cut or hoist a saw into a tree are a great reward over losing an arm, leg or possibly a life.

In a tree, a saw on a safety or extra line attended by a man on the ground can be held long enough to be shut off and then released so that both hands are free to allow the climber a better control of his swing or fall. Without the safety line the trimmer must make his initial move using his feet and only one hand. Should this be a defensive move, the climber may not have time to execute it properly and an accident may result.

The professional trimmer is one which requires safety, skill, dexterity, agility and superior physical ability. Why limit any of these attributes through an accident. After all, how many one arm or one leg climbers do you know in the business today?



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