

## TREE TRIMMING OPERATIONS, 16VAC25-73

### 16VAC25-73-90. Work procedures.

#### G. Limbing and bucking.

1. Work plans for limbing and bucking operations shall be communicated to all workers in a job briefing before work begins.
2. When more than one worker is limbing or bucking a tree, each shall be positioned and their duties organized so that the actions of one worker will not create a hazard for any other worker.
3. Chain saws shall be operated away from the vicinity of the legs and feet. Natural barriers, such as limbs between the saw and the body, shall be employed where possible, while ensuring proper balance. While operating a chain saw, the preferred working position is on the uphill side of the work.
4. The worker shall make sure of firm footing before and during limbing and bucking. The worker shall not stand on loose chunks or logs that will roll when the log being bucked is sawed off.
5. Trees, limbs, or saplings under tension shall be considered hazardous. Appropriate cutting techniques and precautions shall be followed.
6. Wedges shall be used as necessary to prevent binding of the guide bar or chain when bucking trunks of trees.
7. Cant hooks or peaveys shall be used as an aid in rolling large or irregular logs to complete bucking.
8. If mechanized equipment is to be used, the equipment operator shall establish an effective means of communication with other workers (see subdivisions B 1 and D 10 of this section).
9. Workers shall not approach mechanized equipment operations until the equipment operator has acknowledged that it is safe to do so.

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### 16VAC25-73-90. Work procedures., CONTINUED.

#### H. Pesticide application.

1. The applicator shall follow label instructions in regard to pesticide applications.
2. The applicator shall follow pesticide label instructions in regard to laundering his clothing.
3. The applicator shall comply with the manufacturer's instructions with regard to showering or bathing at the end of each workday.
4. The employer shall provide a clean water source at the worksite, which can be used for emergency personal decontamination. Precautions shall be taken to prevent contamination of the clean water source. Drinking water and decontamination water shall be kept in separate containers.
5. The applicator shall not direct a solid spray column into contact with electrical conductors.