# Chainsaw Strikes Operator In The Neck



An experienced chainsaw operator was killed when the saw he was using struck him in the neck. He was cutting the limbs from a dead tree when the tip of the saw caught on an obstruction. It kicked back, striking him in the neck. An artery in his neck was cut and he bled to death. The chainsaw he was using was described as an old model in excellent condition.

Kickback is an ever-present danger when operating a chainsaw. Before operating a chainsaw, you must be fully aware of the hazards and be completely trained. Your saw should be equipped with an anti-kickback device. You should also wear protective clothing covering your legs, neck and chest with heavy ballistic material. When you purchase a chainsaw for personal use, take advantage of safety training offered by the dealer.