


Title: Safe Work Instruction BFB		SWI 13	
Use of Minor Equipment		Authorised By: BFAC	
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DO NOT use this machine/equipment unless you have been trained in its safe use and operation

Description of Work:	Use of minor equipment to assist in fire suppression and control.
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Potential Hazards: Falling objects, uneven ground conditions, caught between objects, strain due to poor body position, dust and sharp objects.

Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) Required (*Check the box for required PPC*):

 Gloves	 Face Masks	 Eye Protection	 Mask	 Appropriate Footwear	 Hearing Protection	 Protective Clothing
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Safe Work Procedure Checklist:

Minor equipment not limited to the list below.

Chainsaw, Brush cutter, Pole saws, leaf blowers, slashers....

Identification

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes acknowledges that the use of minor equipment is part of normal Bush Fire Brigade activities.

Hazardous trees or items requiring action should be brought to the attention of the Incident Control for removal and or treatment as soon as practicable.

The use of unqualified operators to fell trees at bushfires **is strictly prohibited**. All felling of trees requires IC approval.

Procedure

Chainsaws/Pole saws will be provided or made available to Bush Fire Brigades where necessary to undertake their functions of firefighting, mitigation and other duties as indicated by the IC.

Chainsaws are only to be used by Bush Fire Brigade members who are qualified in their use for the task they are undertaking and in accordance with the following required skill set.

AHCMOM21 – Operate and Maintain Chainsaws - cross-cut fallen timber using safe cutting techniques and complete equipment maintenance.

Operators must ensure they wear appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) whilst operating chainsaws.