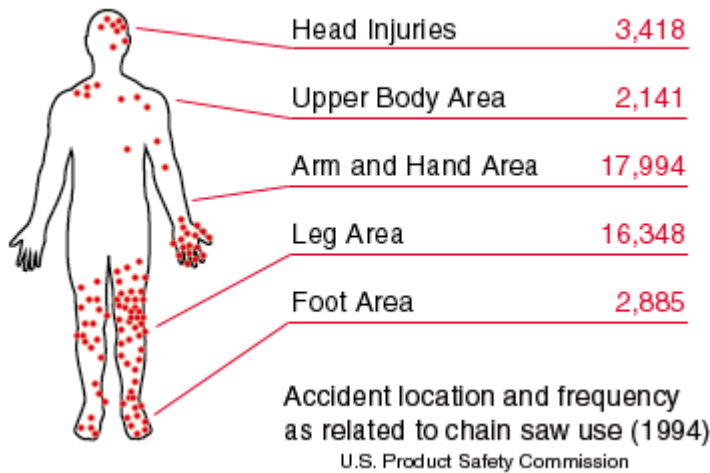


Chain Saw Injury Locations

Notice how most injuries occur on the lower left leg and the left arm. Be sure to protect those areas well.



Safe Operation of a Chain Saw

 OSHA requires the following practices when using a chain saw:

Before Starting the Saw [\[1910.266\(e\)\(1\)](#) and [\(e\)\(2\)\]](#)

- Check controls, chain tension, and all bolts and handles to ensure they are functioning properly and adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Fuel the saw at least 10 feet from sources of ignition.
- Start the saw at least 10 feet from fueling area, with chain brake engaged, and with the chainsaw on the ground or otherwise firmly supported.
- Check the fuel container for the following requirements: [\[1910.266\(d\)\(9\)\]](#)
 - Must be metal or plastic
 - Must not exceed a 5 gallon capacity
 - Must be approved by the Underwriters Laboratory, Factory Mutual (FM), the Department of Transportation (DOT), or other Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory.

While Running the Saw [\[1910.266\(e\)\(2\)\]](#)

- Keep hands on the handles, and maintain secure footing while operating the chainsaw.
- Clear the area of obstacles that might interfere with cutting the tree or using the retreat path.
- Do not cut directly overhead.
- Shut off or throttle released prior to retreating.
- Shut off or the chain brake engaged whenever the saw is carried more than 50 feet, or on hazardous terrain.

