

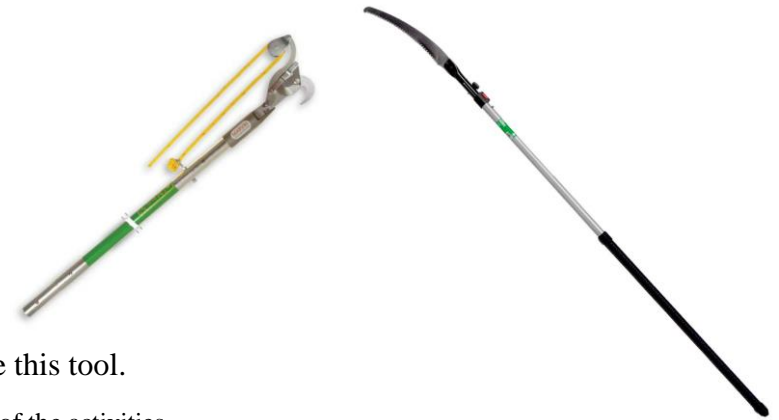
# LAUSD-OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

## JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS OPERATING A POLE SAW OR POLE PRUNER

**Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)\***  
Safety glasses, work boots, work gloves, hard hat

**Required Training**  
Operation of a pole saw. Only qualified tree surgeons may use this tool.

\* Additional training and PPE may be required depending upon the scope of the activities.



TASK	HAZARDS	CONTROLS
1. Equipment inspection	Lacerations Electrocution	Inspect for damaged or loose components. Ensure the blade is securely attached to the pole. Visually inspect the blade to ensure it appears sharp. Pole pruner – ensure the spring is functioning properly. If the blade does not return to the open position a dab of oil, cleaning or deburring may be required.
2. Preparing for work	Impact Laceration Fall	Put on PPE. Demarcate the work area. Tree workers shall not carry hand tools and equipment in their hands unless they are tools used to assist them in their climbing. Never throw the saw into a tree, out of a tree or between workers aloft. Maintain safe distance between employees while using the tree pruner. If blade is loose, tighten the wing nut to ensure the blade is secured in the open position.
3. Operating equipment	Laceration Fall	Maintain a stable, balanced position while operating the saw. Never stand under the branch being cut. Plan for and maintain an exit route to avoid impacts from falling limbs.

I have received, read and understood the contents of this JSA and have also acquired the aforementioned required training.

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