

Green Belt Ltd, Harvesting Induction

Site Rules

1. Forest roadways and barriers must be kept open during working times to facilitate emergency vehicles or egress in the event of an accident.
2. The contractor must have an up-to-date and adequate Safety Statement available on site.
3. An up-to-date emergency plan with relevant telephone numbers must be available on site.
4. All site personnel must wear adequate Personal Protective Equipment (Helmet, High Visibility Clothing, Steel Toe-Cap Boots).
5. All chainsaw operators must wear adequate Personal Protective Equipment (Combi-Helmet, High Visibility Clothing, Chainsaw Gloves, Trousers and Boots).
6. Take due care and attention when walking on site. It is your duty to take care of your own health and safety and of other persons who may be affected by your actions or omissions - this includes members of public as well as co-workers.
7. Eliminate instances of working alone where possible; and if this is not possible then ensure that effective lone working procedures are in place.
8. Each site must have an adequate first aid kit available and operators must be certified and competent in its use.
9. All operators must be certified in manual handling.
10. No work is allowed to be undertaken by persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
11. Site safety signage must be erected and maintained on the worksite.
12. Do not operate a Harvester or Forwarder if any person or machine comes within the specified risk zone.
13. Do not enter the risk zone of machines operating on the site, all warning notices must be obeyed.
14. Only enter the work areas by the authorized access and egress points.
15. All machines must be well maintained and be appropriate to the site. Inspect tools, equipment as well as work area before commencing work on site. Faulty tools and equipment cannot be used. Machine maintenance records must be available for inspection.
16. Complete risk assessments on the operation of all machines used on site to include noise levels, diesel fumes and contact with oils.
17. All machines must be operated safely as per IFSG 503 and 603 (Irish Forestry Standard Guide).
18. Ensure low-loader is suitable for machine being transported, load/unload on level/firm ground.
19. All operations must adhere to the **Harvest Site Plan**, do not rush or take chances in the tasks being completed.
20. All urea and fuel tanks to be stored in a safe manner and away from water courses. **Pollution control kits** must be available on site.
21. The maximum height for log stacks (containing logs conforming to industry agreed log quality standards) is 1.6 times the log length subject to an absolute maximum height of 5.0 meters above the road. Stacks containing logs with excessive bow, kinks or forks will need individual management and site-specific risk assessments.
22. Only work detailed in the risk assessment/method statement can take place.
23. If working at heights then the Working at Height Regulations must be complied with, particular care and attention must be given to those who on ground level - no one is allowed to be underneath the works.
24. In exceptional circumstances, higher stacks can be considered but documented risk assessments and explanations for the unavoidable circumstances must be on site.
25. Haulers' must ensure timber stacks remain stable and in a safe condition after loading; and must notify the Forest Works Manager if they are deemed to be unsafe.
26. Haulers' to erect signs to prevent access during loading operations where harvesting operation signage has been removed.
27. All lorries coming onto site must have audible reversing alarms. No vehicle or plant is allowed to reverse unless adequate visibility can be provided. Do not approach any plant or machine unless you have made eye contact with the operator and they have given you permission to proceed.
28. All operators must be declared to the **Forest Works Manager** and be recorded on the **Harvest Site Plan**.
29. All machine operators must be City and Guilds/NPTC certified and certificates must be updated and maintained on their H&S file.
30. All chainsaw operators must be certified to NPTC CS35/0021-02 and certificates must be updated and maintained on H&S file.
31. **When manually felling trees always use appropriate felling aids (Breaking Bar, Sledge, Wedge, Winch).**
32. Always use correct felling techniques as per **IFSG 301-304, 306-307**. You must comply with all relevant health and safety legislation.
33. Ensure no other person is within a distance equal to two tree lengths when felling with a chainsaw.
34. All vehicles must be driven within a speed limit of 25kph on forest roads.
35. Ensure vehicles and plant are operated by suitability trained personnel, maintained in a good condition, when not in use they are to be parked in a safe location.



37. Ensure that all barriers are maintained in good condition and are left in a safe position.
38. All accidents, incidents, near misses and dangerous occurrences must be reported to the Forest Works Manager immediately. Accident report book must be completed.
39. If during operations other safety issues are identified, the Forest Works Manager must be informed in order to review the adequacy of the site safety rules.
40. The use of mobile phones is only allowed in safe locations on site. When driving the use of mobile phones are only permitted as outlined in the Rules of the Road.
41. No smoking, eating or drinking is allowed in the work area.
42. Always wash your hands before eating, or drinking.

- These General site safety rules apply to all Harvesting sites and should be read in conjunction with the site-Specific Risk Assessment.
- Site Risk Assessment must be completed for ALL works PRIOR to the work being undertaken.
- A copy of this must be sent to main office upon completion of the work.

To be signed by all workers BEFORE work commences on EACH site

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