

WAC 296-305-07006 Equipment for wildland firefighting.

Note: Equipment is considered in this section as those items not configured as a part or portion of the vehicle body.

(1) All equipment on an apparatus must be carried in an enclosed compartment or otherwise securely mounted on the apparatus and guarded, so that individuals cannot accidentally come in contact with equipment that may injure them.

(2) All hand tools, when not in use, must have appropriate covers and guards to prevent injury.

(3) Firefighters whose duties require them to operate a power chain saw must wear flexible ballistic nylon pads, sewn or otherwise fastened into the trousers, or other equivalent protection that must cover the full length of the thigh to the top of the boot. Additional trouser, eye, hearing, face and head protection as required by this chapter must be worn.

(4) Employees must not use the chainsaw to cut directly overhead, or at a distance that would require the operator to relinquish a safe grip on the saw.

(5) Only personnel trained in firing equipment must handle and use such equipment, and observe the manufacturers' recommendations.

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