SHE ALERT
Chainsaw Cut to Wrist

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Date of incident	30/07/26		Directorate	Services – SEPD	
Region	Customer Delivery	Location	Oxford Area	Classification	Medical Treatment Injury

What happened ?

An operative sustained superficial lacerations to the wrist and forearm whilst carrying out tree work in the Farringdon area.

During branch reduction works, a severed branch began to fall towards a nearby boundary fence. In an attempt to prevent damage to the property, the operative instinctively released the chainsaw and tried to control the falling branch. The chainsaw, which remained attached via its strop, became trapped against the operative, resulting in contact injuries to the wrist and forearm. First aid was administered on site before the injured person attended hospital for treatment. Their wounds were cleaned, glued and dressed.

Whilst the investigation is ongoing, please remember:

- **Plan** - Follow the hierarchy of control when working at height and use the safest available method of access.
- **Scan** - Ensure the correct PPE is worn and is suitable for the task being undertaken.
- **Adapt** - Take the time needed to complete the task safely. If circumstances change or more time is required, use your licence to speak up and agree a safe way forward with your supervisor.

