

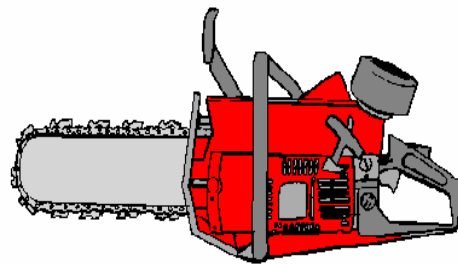
## Back to Basics

## Power Saws

### Task

(Minimum Standard)  
Change chain or blade according to manuf. instructions

(Highly Skilled Level)  
Identify the uses of the various types of blades and/or chains



### Skill Tips

- Ensure you have the right size chain or blade. Arbor sizes vary on saws and blades
  - Place chain or blade on tool in the correct direction for cutting
  - Make sure all safeties are in good operating order



### Application

Every saw and blade is different. Blades are designed to cut different material, saws will start in different ways when hot and cold, and blades or chains are all changed differently. You don't want to try to figure this out when a roof needs to be opened or a door needs to be cut!

### Competency

**Some fireground operations will require rapid changing of blades and chains. Perform these operations making sure you know where all tools and accessory items are located.**

