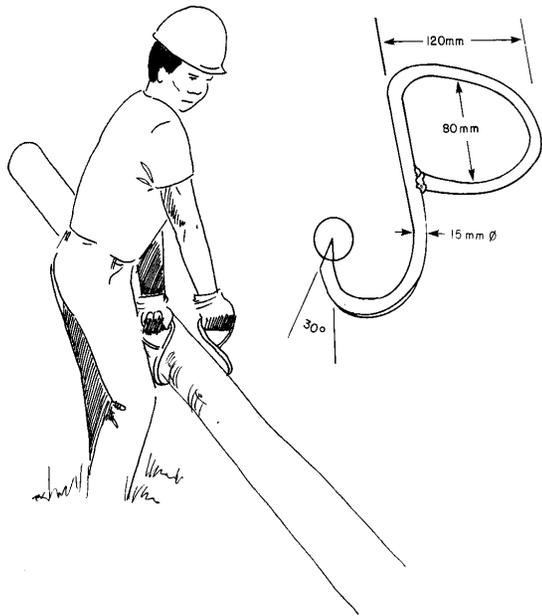


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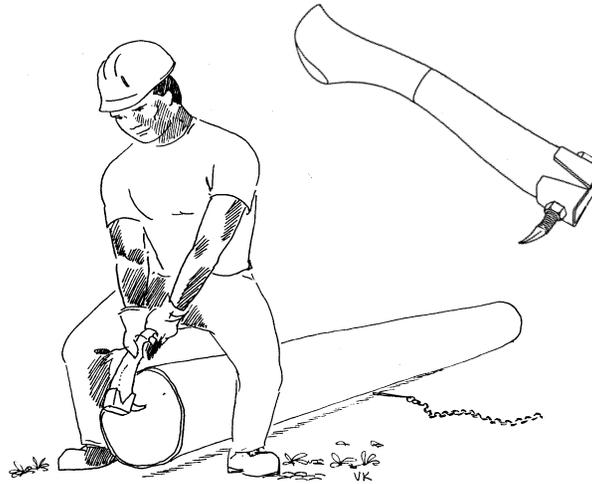
Cut logs can be bunched into the same place to make collection easier.

Various hand tools will come in handy for moving small logs.

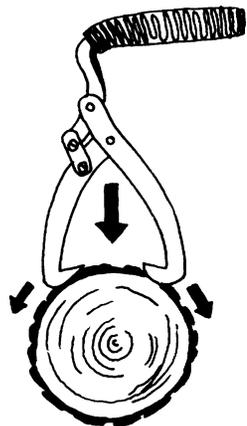
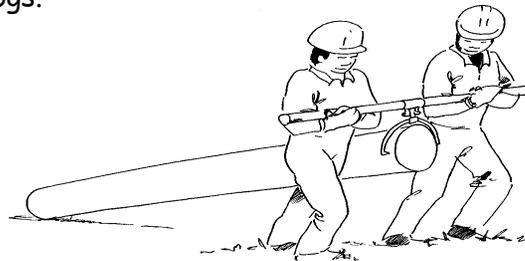
Log hooks can be used for turning logs and for lifting small logs.



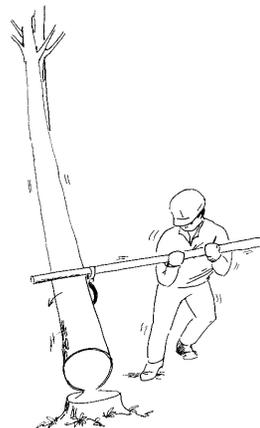
Log picks or log hooks can be used for lifting the end of a log. For example, onto a carabao sled for skidding.



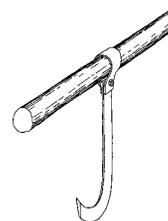
Two man tongs can be used for moving larger logs.



Log tongs can also be used for lifting and rolling small logs.



Cant hooks can be used for rolling large logs or dealing with hang-ups.



Debranching, Bucking and Bunching

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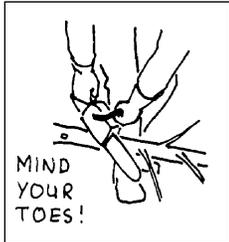
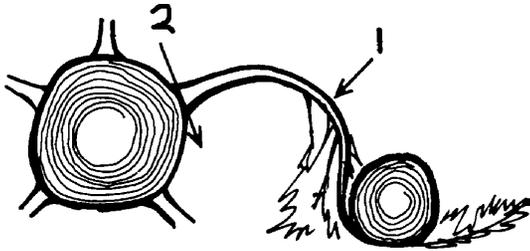
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Basic rules for debranching

If you have to debranch low down, bend at the knees to avoid back strain and keep readiness to move in case of emergency.



Check for branches under tension which could spring up or pinch the saw. Release the tension with a small cut before the main cut.



MIND YOUR TOES!

Keep a firm grip of the handle, with the thumb underneath.

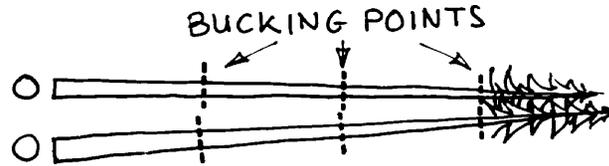


Watch out for kickback, especially if using the top of the guide bar.



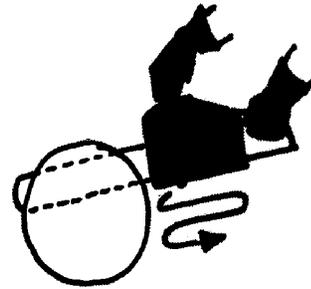
Measuring and sizing

- Take time to think about how to make the most out of your tree. Consider the various options.
- Start measuring from the butt log, the most valuable part of the stem.
- Mark the cutting points before cutting.

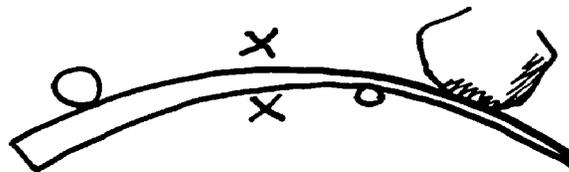


Bucking safely

When cutting downwards, use the backward running part of the chain (underside of the guide bar). Many lives have been lost through kickback, using the tip of the guide bar.

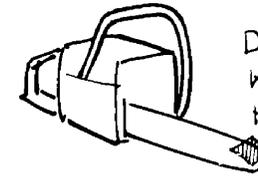


Beware of logs which will spring up or towards you when you have cut them and released the tension.



Beware of bucking logs on hillsides. Do not cut a log that will roll down onto you.

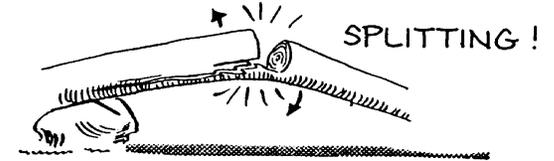
Remember the kickback zone!



DANGER OF KICKBACK HERE!

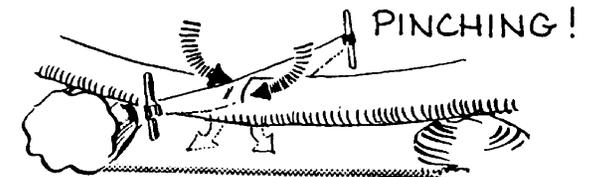
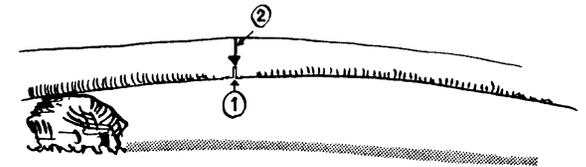
Tension in bucking

Logs under tension need two cuts - a small primary cut (1) and then a main cut (2). These will prevent splitting and pinching.



SPLITTING!

Avoid splitting like this - cut 1, cut 2.



PINCHING!

Avoid pinching like this - cut 1, cut 2

