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Working with machines creates risks in forestry. Always using them for the job they're designed for, and properly – and safely – maintaining them, helps reduce the risk.

Do maintenance work in a safe area

- Choose flat and stable ground away from where forestry work is going on.
- Make sure all maintenance people visiting the site are inducted and have the right personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Plan to manage any risks the maintenance work creates, eg, welding, working at height.

Only skilled and/or qualified people can do maintenance work

- Only do maintenance work if you have the right training.
- Only work with the correct tools.
- Check the manufacturer's manual so all maintenance is done to their specifications.

Use 'safe systems of work' during maintenance

- Use the correct shut down/lock out/de-energise procedures.
- Use the correct blocking or supports for the machines.
- Make sure your controls for risks – eg, working at height or working alone – are in place and working well.