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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF/33, Chainsaw Safety, to supersede AS 3576—1988, *Brushcutters—Guide to safe working practices*.

It provides guidelines and recommendations for the safe use of clearing saws, brushcutters and grass trimmers, identifies hazards, describes methods for particular operations, and outlines basic principles for the instruction and training of brushcutter operators.

The Standard also includes fire prevention measures, and a maintenance program for brushcutters.

This edition has been rearranged to help the user understand fully the precautions which should be observed when using a clearing saw, brushcutter or grass trimmer, and some information has been revised. The terms, 'clearing saw', 'brushcutter' and 'grass trimmer' have been introduced into this edition to identify the type of units covered.

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