Here’s what Tree Care Professionals are saying about the ChipSafe® Operator Safety Shield

“This device will stop the infeed if you put your hand or foot in the infeed chute past the safety plane. It is easily restarted if you do trip it, virtually not losing any productivity, and most importantly, keeping the operator safe.”
— Jeff Buchanan
Jeff Buchanan Tree Service

“The safety device is a good tool to keep guys from getting too close to the feed wheel. Plates are a very good idea.”
— J. Johnson
Kappen Tree Service

“This helps us a lot, because it’s protecting us. … It is providing us the security we need.”
— Fernando DeOra
Jeff Buchanan Tree Service

Introducing the ChipSafe® Operator Safety Shield — the latest operator safety innovation for Morbark® Beever™ brush chippers.

Morbark and our network of authorized tree care dealers are committed to chipper operator safety and ongoing training. After several years of research, development and testing, we see the introduction of the patented ChipSafe Operator Safety Shield as a true testament to this commitment.

Be Safe. Get ChipSafe®.
In an industry that has inherent risks, tree care workers must be diligent in adhering to safe operating practices when using a mobile brush chipper. Such practices include never operating a chipper alone and always wearing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). In addition to the typical PPE items like head, eye, and ear protection, Morbark now offers the patented ChipSafe® Operator Safety Shield.

Here’s how it works:

The ChipSafe Operator Safety Shield device is mounted directly to the sides of the infeed chute of a Morbark brush chipper.

When preparing to use a brush chipper equipped with the ChipSafe device, operators must wear ChipSafe straps on their wrists AND ChipSafe straps on their ankles or ChipSafe bootlace straps on their boots.

If, while feeding the brush chipper, the operator’s hands or feet enter the defined ChipSafe sensing zone, sensors in the plates send a signal to interrupt the chipper’s feeding mechanism, protecting the operator from possible injury.

A reset sensor box is located on the outer sides of the infeed chute. By simply swiping the strap on their wrist across the reset sensor box, the operator is able to reactivate the feed mechanism and continue the chipping operation with little or no disruption in productivity.

For complete ChipSafe operating instructions, refer to the operator’s manual. In addition, we highly recommend that all members of your chipping crew complete the Tree Care Industry Association’s Chipper Operator Specialist credentialing program. For a current list of training dates, go to http://tcia.org/training/chipper-operator-specialist.

Learn more about how the ChipSafe Operator Safety Shield can help protect you and your workers, and see it in action at www.morbark.com/getchipsafe.