

Bowsaw



Use	Cutting wood thicker than a two pence piece.
How	With a partner, saying “to me to, to you” to get a rhythm of forwards and backward motion, then allowing the other to pull. Can be used individually with someone supporting the log so it stays firm. Cuts on the push and pull.
Stand	Stand with the saw next to your leg with the blade facing down.
Walk	Walk with the saw next to your leg with the blade facing down.
Pass	Keep the blade facing down, turn the handle to offer to the other person.
Placed	Beside you: On a clear space/tool mat where it will not hit other hard objects with blade facing in and handle facing out or leaning against a nearby tree.
Gloves	No gloves on the tool hand. Glove on the helper hand.
Maintenance	Difficult to sharpen due to shape of cutting edge. Keep spare blades in toolbox in case one needs changing.
Cleaning	Use a cloth and oil to remove dirt and moisture from the blade.
Storage	Store it a waterproof toolbox or container. Check the tool is clean and dry before storing and ensure the sheath is covering the blade.

Tool Talk

- This is a bowsaw.
- This is the handle.
- This is the cover.
- I take the cover off like this.
- This is the blade.
- This is the cutting edge.
- When I have finished with the bowsaw I put the cover back on like this.
- I stand with the bowsaw like this.
- I walk with the bowsaw like this.
- I pass the bowsaw like this.
- When I use the bowsaw I use it two arms and a tools length away from anyone except my partner like this.
- I use the bowsaw to cut wood bigger than a two pence piece.
- I have bare hands on the tool.
- I have a glove on my helper hand.
- When I am not using the bowsaw I put it down with the handle facing forwards and the blade facing inwards.
- When I have finished with the bowsaw I put it in the designated place or in the toolbox provided.