

Stumpgrinders

Stump grinders are powerful pieces of equipment that remove tree stumps by literally chipping away at them usually with a cutting wheel, this therefore makes these dangerous tools if not used correctly or with adequate training.

Our Stump Grinder training course will provide you with the appropriate techniques and safety guidelines to ensure that you are not only confident when using the stump grinder but that you are also aware of relevant health and safety guidelines making sure you stay protected.

Once you have successfully carried out this course you will receive a certificate of training in Stump Grinders.

Who is the Course For?

Our Stump Grinder training course will suit you if you work in the arboriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscaping or grounds maintenance industries, and you operate or will be required to operate a stump grinder.

Our course might take you longer than the one day if you are inexperienced, and therefore require more time to fully understand all of the course information.

Alternatively our refresher course is for anyone with experience of using a Stump grinder and will provide you with the opportunity to practice and update your skills, and gain certification.

Duration/Format

One day

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:4

Course Objectives

To enable course members to:

- Produce a site-specific risk assessment for stump grinding operations.
- State the principles of HSE legislation and safety guidelines for using a stump grinder.
- Select the appropriate PPE and state the maintenance requirements.
- Carry out operator checks and identify the safety features of a stump grinder.
- Carry out routine operator maintenance.
- Inspect and identify defects on the grinding mechanism.
- Prepare machine prior to operation, start the machine, carry out safety checks and stop machine.
- Prepare a work area and a range of stumps for grinding and identify hazardous materials not to be ground.
- Use approved techniques for safe and efficient stump grinding of a range of stump sizes.
- State the procedure for removing blockages.
- Re-instate ground and deal with arisings.
- Prepare machine for transport and storage.

Course Content

- Risk assessment and emergency procedures
- Health and safety guidelines and legislation
- Personal protective equipment
- Pre-use checks and machine safety features

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Certification:

- Routine checks and maintenance
- Cutter maintenance
- Start the machine and carry out safety checks
- Preparation of site, machine and materials
- Operation of stump grinder
- Unblocking stump grinder
- Re-instatement of excavation and disposal of arisings
- Clearing, transport and storage

The course can be run as integrated training and assessment registered with Lantra Awards. Successful candidates will be awarded a Lantra Certificate of Competence.

Facilities/Equipment Required

Venue

Dry, clean workshop with light and heating (if necessary).
Suitable site for practical operation including stumps to be ground.

Trainee

Stump grinder complying with safety regulations as per AFAG Safety Guide 606.
Operator's instruction books and service manuals for all machinery.
Notebook and pencil.
Safety helmet.
Ear defenders.
Visor or safety goggles.
Gloves with close fitting cuffs.
Safety boots.
Hi-viz clothing.
Fuel in appropriate container for own machine.
Tool kit for own machine