

Basic Felling Techniques (up to 200mm diameter)

Felling trees and using a chainsaw can be dangerous; therefore it is essential when carrying out this activity that you have total confidence and expertise in what you are doing, so avoiding any accidents.

Our Chainsaw Basic Felling Techniques (up to 200mm diameter) training course will provide you with the appropriate techniques and safety guidelines to ensure that you continue to be confident when using a chainsaw and felling trees and that you are aware of the current health and safety guidelines making sure you stay protected.

Our training is delivered by experienced instructors to small groups, this way you receive plenty of individual attention. The course is also supplemented with high-quality course materials, and we work closely with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to ensure that our materials reflect current safe working practices.

Who is the Course For?

This course will be suitable for you if you work in, or are looking to work in any of the following industries:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Woodland
- Local Authorities
- Conservation
- Construction
- Land-based.

Note: If you intend to work in the forestry and/or arboricultural industries or if you are going to need to fell material over 200mm in diameter, then you should attend the training only course and be independently assessed through NPTC or Lantra.

Please Note: Due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness will be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage you as a learner, it is an essential requirement.

Duration/Format

Usually 3 days

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:4

Course Objectives

To enable course members to:

- Understand risk assessment procedures
- Assess trees to be felled for hazards and associated risks
- Prepare trees to be felled and escape routes
- Fell trees which have a diameter up to 200mm/8" safely and accurately using different techniques
- De-limb felled trees in a safe and effective manner
- Select and use hand tools and maintain them in a safe condition
- Take down hung-up trees using hand tools
- State techniques that must not be used for the takedown of hung-up trees.

Course Content

- HSE legislation and safety guidelines
- Preparation

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Certification:

- Felling techniques
- Branch removal – snedding and delimiting
- Taking down hung-up trees using hand tools
- Clearing site and chainsaw checks

Successful candidates will be awarded a Lantra Certificate of Competence.

Facilities/Equipment Required

Venue

Warm, dry, well lit workshop with adequate bench space. Room with tables and chairs.

Suitable area for felling practice with trees cleared of undergrowth and climbers up to 2000mm diameter

Trainees

Chainsaws as per HSE guidance and pre-course handout

Personal protective equipment as per pre-course handout

Operator's maintenance kit and equipment as per pre-course handout

2-stroke fuel and saw chain oil.

NB: Instructors have been instructed not to undertake training where learners do not have the appropriate protective equipment and appropriate saw.