

Lineside Management

Course Name

Safe Use of a Chainsaw from an Assisted MEWP (Network Rail Only)

Course Description

- Explain the risk assessment process
- Outline the emergency planning procedures relevant to the work area
- Summarise current health and safety legislation and industry good practice.
- Carry out a visual site-specific risk assessment
- Select and wear appropriate PPE in accordance with industry good practice.
- Provide appropriate control measures for the identified hazards and risks.
- Work in a way which promotes health and safety, is consistent with relevant legislation and industry good practice
- Dispose of waste in line with work specification.
- State the procedure for removing a trapped saw
- State how the following can affect work, giving one reason for each:
 - o Species.
 - o Condition of trees.
 - o Time of year.
- Carry out pre-use and running checks of the chainsaw in accordance with industry good practice and the operator's manual
- Establish an appropriate chainsaw attachment.
- Demonstrate each of the following cuts on lateral branches; minimum two, maximum six times:
 - o Step cut free fall.
 - o Step cut hand held.
 - o Sink cut free fall.
 - o Sink cut hand held.
 - o Pruning cut.
- Demonstrate each of the following cuts on vertical or near vertical branches as appropriate; minimum two, maximum six times:
 - o Step cut.
 - o Sink cut.
- Demonstrate use of a pull/tag line when removing a vertical section(s) using an appropriate knot.
- Understand how to deal with emergency situations affecting operators working from a MEWP.

Audience

Chainsaw users who hold the following pre-requisite competences: • NPTC Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance (QCF) • NPTC Level 2 Award in Cross-Cutting Timber using a Chainsaw (QCF) • NPTC Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-Cutting (QCF) • NPTC Level 2 Award in Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm (QCF)

Duration: 1 Day(s) **Class Size:** 4

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LM 52

Course Code

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Prerequisite Name

Prerequisite Short Code

Skills Assessment Scheme Regime

Course Type



Face to Face - Personal Protective Equipment

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