

# Brushcutters/Trimmers (Refresher)

## At a glance...

### Training (with Assessment) Competence with Modules

#### Duration Notes:

The expected duration for the course is one day, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.

## Introduction

Refresh your skills with our one-day Brushcutters/Trimmers Refresher for experienced users.

## Overview in brief

Brushcutters and trimmers are popular tools across the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industries.

They save time and work efficiently in tricky terrains and situations.

But they also have the potential to be one of the most dangerous machines in common use.

Our course will refresh the knowledge of experienced users, looking at best practice and legislation, whilst testing your understanding of how to recognise and reduce dangers.

You'll also brush up on routine maintenance and ways of optimising performance.

## The finer details

This is an integrated training and assessment course.

You'll refresh your knowledge of using the trimmer safely and with confidence.

Understanding all the relevant regulation and safety requirements is key. You'll be taught the need for correctly maintained protective



clothing and how best to ensure a safe working environment.

A certificate of competence will be awarded once you complete the course.



Course sessions:

- Prepare for Brushcutter/Trimmer operations
- Brushcutter/Trimmer maintenance
- Battery operated machines
- Operating the brushcutter/trimmer
- Clearing the site and machine checks

## Who should attend?

Our one-day refresher training course is for anyone employed in the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industry that currently operates a brushcutter/trimmer.

This course is physical so you must be fit and able to carry out the tasks required in the course programme.

## What will be covered?

By the end of this course, you'll be able to:

- Produce a site-specific risk assessment for brushcutter/trimmer operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required
- Identify the health and safety features required on a brushcutter/trimmer
- Identify defects on the equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- Correctly carry out all routine maintenance in accordance with the machine manufacturer's instruction book
- Prepare the equipment for use with the correct fuel/oil mix
- Start the brushcutter/trimmer from both hot and cold start in a safe manner
- Carry out pre-cutting checks
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks
- Maintain the brushcutter/trimmer and cutting heads in a safe and efficient working condition
- Adjust the brushcutter/trimmer for safe and comfortable operation
- Select the correct cutting head for the relevant operating conditions



- Operate the equipment having regard for the safety of the public, property and environmental factors
- Organise the site and use a systematic method of working where possible.

