

# Use of a Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness Refresher (TG1 Update 2020)



## At a glance...

### Training (Only)

Duration Notes: 1 day

Prerequisites: You will need to hold the Lantra Level 3 Award In Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw Using Free-fall Techniques or industry recognised equivalent.

## Introduction

Update your key chainsaw skills with our one-day refresher course.

This course is for those who are already operating in industry and need to complete refresher training as set out in the Chainsaws at Work INDG317 document.

## Overview in brief

We have updated the way that our Aerial refresher suite is delivered to reflect the changes to best climbing practice laid out in the new Technical guide 1: tree climbing & aerial rescue.

Chainsaws are powerful and dangerous tools.

It's essential to have total confidence and expertise in their use to avoid the risk of accidents.

Our course will ensure you have the latest skills and knowledge to do just that.

## The finer details

We use a balanced mix of theory and practical sessions on this course.



You'll be run through the latest techniques and safety guidelines to ensure you're comfortable when using a chainsaw from a rope and harness.



We will expect you to provide evidence of your status as an experienced chainsaw user.

It's essential that you keep up to speed with all the latest techniques and guidelines to ensure you stay safe when using them.

Our refresher course will do just that as well as demonstrating that you and your employer have completed sufficient training to meet the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER).

Course sessions:

HSE legislation and safety guidelines

Preparing a chainsaw for use in a tree

Securing the work position

Cutting techniques

Clearing site and equipment checks.

Worth noting: You'll need to be physically fit, and not on any medication that could affect your safety, to complete this course.

It's not for anyone who suffers from vertigo.

### Who should attend?

The course provides the knowledge and skills required for learners to be assessed for the regulated qualification, Level 3 Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw using Free-Fall Techniques (QCF)

People involved in:

- Arboriculture
- Forestry
- Woodland Industries
- Local Authorities



- Conservation



Learners must be physically fit and not suffering from vertigo or similar conditions or on medication that could affect their safety.

Learners need to be aware there may be pre-requisite training and/or assessment requirements before undertaking this training course. Learners should seek advice from their Lantra Awards Training Provider.

## What will be covered?

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

- Understand the legislation and safety guidelines pertaining to the use of a chainsaw from a rope and harness
- Understand the safety considerations to be observed in organising a work site
- Carry out pre-start checks to the chainsaw, cold and hot starting techniques
- Demonstrate techniques for hauling chainsaws into the tree and attaching them appropriately to the harness
- Use appropriate techniques for establishing secure and comfortable work positions
- Demonstrate the appropriate use of various step and sink cuts and correct final pruning cuts
- Use top-handled and lightweight rear-handled chainsaws in a safe and efficient manner to remove light and medium weight branches
- Understand and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a competent ground person.

