

Dealing with Individual Windblown Trees

CLMC53X/R

Course Objectives

To enable course members to:

- State the regulations and safety requirements related to the use of chainsaws
- Assess lying windblown and broken timber and make decisions on appropriate action
- Cut windblown trees using appropriate techniques
- Operate a winch to control movement of root plates

NB: This course covers individual windblown trees and does not include techniques for dealing with multiple windblow in dense coniferous plantations which present very significant hazards and require specialist skills and knowledge.

Who is the Course For?

- This training-only course is for people who are required to deal with individual windblown trees in open areas, have attended the basic chainsaw courses in this series, or their equivalent, and have the appropriate certification units CS30, CS31 and CS32. It is designed to prepare candidates for NPTC CS34

Duration/Format

- One day: Practical course
Tree felling activities should avoid disturbing wildlife in the nesting season and must comply with other felling requirements.

NVQ/SVQ Linkage

There is no direct linkage to forestry NVQ/SVQ units. Those units require individuals to be able to deal with multiple windblown trees in a forestry/woodland environment.

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:4 **Min:** 1:2

Course Content

Introduction

Assessing lying windblown and broken timber

Winching/cutting windblown timber

Assessment

Maintenance

Cutting demonstration and practice

Cutting practice

Facilities/Equipment required:

Organiser

Flipboard, stand, newsprint, marker pens

Suitable fire extinguisher

List of course members

(copied for self and Instructor)

Directions to venue for course members and Instructor

Minimum of three trees of appropriate size and leaning or hung up on site for the Instructor and each course member

For each course member:

- pen, pencil and notebook
- namecards/lapel badges
- course evaluation forms
- pre-course handouts

Venue

Well lit and adequately heated workshop complying with COSHH workplace regulations. Room with tables and chairs. Liaise with Instructor for suitable felling site nearby.

Instructor/Tutor

Prepared flipchart pages
Handouts

Overalls and safety equipment

Chainsaw

Instructor's comprehensive maintenance kit and equipment

Range of felling wedges and log, handling aids, cant bar

Tirfor winch or similar (lift capacity 3200kgs), cables, shackles and ropes.

Assessment schedule

Trainee

Chainsaw complying with pre-course handout

Operator's maintenance kit and equipment

Close-fitting coveralls

Safety equipment to include:

- safety helmet incorporating ear defenders and eye protection
- 'non' snag top
- chainsaw mitts/gloves (back of left hand safety padded)
- chainsaw trousers or leggings with safety padding
- chainsaw boots (for regular users) or safety boots with steel toe caps and safety spats for occasional users working in a level, snag free environment (see pre-course handout)

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

Publications

included in package

Workbook; AFAG safety guides 802, 804, 805, 306; Certificate claim form; Site-specific risk assessment pro forma

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Registration Criteria**

Please refer to the Lantra Awards Instructor Information pack.

**Instructor –
Technical Skills
Knowledge and
Experience**

Individuals must have a proven track record of at least 2 years operator competence. In addition they must possess Lantra Certificates of basic training, National Proficiency Tests Council or Scottish Skills Testing Service certificates of competence. Evidence of regular updates must be provided where a certificate of competence was obtained, 2 or more years previous.

**Instructor –
Certification (if
desirable)**

All instructors in chainsaw and arboriculture skills must possess a current First Aid at Work certificate obtained as a result of attendance at an HSE approved 4 day course or an appropriate refresher programme. Evidence of this must be provided before the relevant skills can be added to your index.