

Basic Tree Climbing and aerial Rescue

“I thought it was great - well organised and run. We were shown how to use all the equipment effectively and then given space to work with it on our own. The venue provided everything that was needed for training.”

Description	A comprehensive course covering industry best practice in climbing, rescue and use of a saw from a rope & harness in preparation for NPTC assessment Unit 206 & 306 (CS 38)
Duration	5 Days minimum.
Next Steps	Assessment under NPTC Unit 206 & 306 (CS38.) Benchmark qualifications for work in arboricultural industry. Allows progression onto NPTC suite of advanced aerial units.

This is a general course outline. All skills will be practised throughout the week.

Day 1:

- Understand legislation relating to tree climbing.
- Identify a range of PPE appropriate to Work Positioning Systems.
- Tie, dress and set a range of tree climbing knots.
- Identify hazards and manage the associated risks.
- Choose appropriate anchor points.
- Use techniques for safe, efficient ascent and descent.
- Carry out pre-use inspection of ladders and safe use of ladders for entry into tree.
- Understand the duties of a competent groundperson.
- Establish safe and comfortable work positions.

Day 2 onwards:

- Understand correct final pruning position and the 1-2-3 method of branch removal.
- Remove light-weight lateral branches using hand tools.
- Use climbing irons safely and efficiently.
- Carry out aerial rescue techniques.