

Equipment list – Basic Climbing Courses

Two personal fall protection systems installed over independent load bearing anchors must be the preferred method of working at all times

AA in agreement with HSE – step 1 in Hierarchy of approach for use of two lines

If bringing your own kit, you will need kit for 2 systems.

Climbing kit bag

- Bag or rope bucket
- Tree climbing harness EN 813 & 358 or PPE Directive
- Tree climbing ropes minimum 10 mm diameter and of suitable length (recommended 45m or 35m) to EN1891 A
- Minimum of 5 triple action karabiners, (7 is better) in a range of shapes – HMS / D / Oval (*be aware of compatibility with other components, if in doubt ask*)
- Adjustable cambium saver (optional)
- Adjustable lanyard 5m minimum
- Friction hitch, Prussic loops or split tails x 3. Eye to eye (e2e) prussic for lanyards eg stein copious/courant
- Tape sling and micro sling to create direct rescue attachment easier.
- Climbing Spikes
- Throw line, storage 'cube' & throw bags/ pole set for access.
- Wire core flipline with cut-able link
- Handsaw & scabbard
- Foot ascenders
- First Aid kit attached to harness

Any climbing or lifting equipment must be LOLER compliant. This means that it should be uniquely identifiable and have a record of thorough inspection presented with it.

City & Guilds requirements: Please note - Tree Climbing Equipment – LOLER

In order for aerial assessments to commence, you must provide evidence that the equipment to be used is fit for purpose and LOLER compliant. This means that it should have a unique identification and have been thoroughly examined by a competent person. The most current examination record must be provided where equipment is greater than 6 months old. If these records are not available for the Assessor to check, the assessment must not proceed. We are able to inspect your kit to comply with LOLER, if required. This can be arranged prior to the course.

PPE

- Chainsaw Boots (or walking boots on climbing only courses) EN ISO 17249
- Chainsaw Trousers Type C - for aerial chainsaw courses (no damage to blocking material) EN ISO 20471
- Chainsaw Gloves (for ground use) EN388/ EN381-7
- Helmet (in date), with suitable eye and ear protection with static 4 point chinstrap
- Personal First Aid Kit with whistle equipped with large wound dressing suitable to take up a tree
- Knife with retractable blade
- Gloves for in tree - optional
- Hand cleaner or wet wipes

Aerial Chainsaw course Kit list

- Either top or rear handled is acceptable (if rear handled needs to be light weight) – can be electric
- Lanyard for attaching the saw to the harness
- Maximum recommended guidebar length 380mm (15")
- Must meet current Health and Safety Regulations
- Chain must be in good condition – with no missing parts.
- Refer to 'FISA Guide 301'
- Top handle saw can be used in the tree, conventional saw on ground
- Maintenance tools for the saw
- Fuel/Oil mix Chain oil
- Hand saw
- Chainsaw trousers type C (no damage to blocking material) EN ISO 20471

If in doubt call or don't buy before course – wait for advice to help select the right kit for you!