For all Chainsaw courses you must have:

1. **Chainsaw**
   - Rear or top-handled chainsaw that complies with requirements in AFAG Safety Guide 301. (Top handled chainsaws may only be operated on training courses for aboricultural operations.)
   - The saw that you bring to a training course must have all the features marked on the diagram overleaf.
   - The chainsaw should have a maximum guidebar length of 380mm (15”).
   - The chainsaw should be in good working order with no broken or missing parts. (If you are bringing your saw to a maintenance course, it can be in a condition requiring sharpening and normal operator maintenance. For all other courses the saw should be sharp and ready to use).

Any saw not meeting the above requirements cannot be maintained or used on a course.

2. **Fuel and oil for your saw:**
   - Petrol/oil mix in an approved container
   - Two stroke oil for mixing
   - Chain oil (vegetable oils are recommended)

3. **Personal first aid kit**
   - Hand cleanser/wet wipes

4. **Operator’s manual/ specifications**
   - For your saw
   - For your chain

5. **Protective Clothing**
   If you are using a chainsaw on a Training course, you will be required to wear the protective clothing as listed below. All P.P.E. manufactured or imported since July 1995, must conform to a CE Standard (the relevant ‘EN’ Standard No.s are printed in brackets).

The Health and Safety Executive recommend that the following protective clothing is worn when a chainsaw is being used:-

   - Safety helmet (complying with EN397)
     - Helmet should be less than 3 years old (or according to manufacturers recommendations)
   - Eye protection (mesh visor complying with EN 1731 or safety glasses to EN 166)
   - Hearing protection (complying with EN 352)
   - Gloves* with protective guarding on the back of the left hand (complying with EN 381-7)
   - Leg protection* incorporating chain clogging materials (complying with EN 381-5).
   - All round protection is recommended for arborists and occasional users
   - Protective boots* with good grip and protective guarding at front vamp and instep (complying with EN 345-2)

* These items should carry the CE chainsaw logo

Please note: if your saw or your protective clothing is unsafe or unsuitable, the instructor may ask you to leave the course.

6. **Basic maintenance tools:**
   - Combination spanner/screwdriver
   - soft brush (to clean air filter)
   - round file and holder (suitable for your chain)
   - flat mill saw file
   - Bar groove cleaner
   - Depth gauge setting tool
   - Grease gun and grease (if applicable to your saw)
   - Feeler gauge for spark plug

7. **Recommended spare parts to bring with you:**
   - spare files for your saw
   - Spark plug
   - Starter cord
   - Starter spring
   - Saw chain
   - Air filter
   - Fuel filter

For felling courses you must also have:

1. **Filing clamp (stump vice)**
2. **Felling lever**
3. **Plastic or alloy wedges**

The following may also be used for certain courses (please check with your instructor)

1. **Tool belt, complete with:**
   - Loggers tape
   - Tongs
   - Pulp hook
2. **Sledge hammer and high lift wedges**
3. **Hand winch and strops**
4. **Turning strap**

If in doubt, please contact your instructor.
The saw you bring to a training course must have all the features marked below.

**Features to Look For:**
- Front hand guard / chain brake
- Positive, clearly marked on/off switch
- Exhaust fumes directed away from operator
- Safety chain compatible with guide bar
- Safety throttle
- Chain breakage guard
- Hearing protection symbol
- Anti-vibration system
- Chain catcher
- Bar cover / scabbard

**NOTE:**
All saws offered for sale or use at work should have the features marked as these meet current HSE requirements.

If your saw is unsafe, unsuitable or you have no protective clothing, the instructor may ask you to leave the course. The instructor is empowered to dismiss you from the course if you are acting irresponsibly.

See overleaf for details of other equipment.

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