



Aerial Tree Cutting

“Very good – helped with my profession and confidence”

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 (old CS 39).
Prerequisite	Chainsaw Maintenance, cross cutting and felling trees up to 380mm (units 201,202,203 – old CS30/31) Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue (units 206, 306 – old CS38)
Duration	3 days, plus 1 day assessment
Next steps	NPTC assessment Unit 308 (old CS39)

Objectives – Use of Saw

- ☐ 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, and hot starting techniques.
- ☐ Demonstrate techniques for hauling chainsaws into 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.

