

# Using a Powered Pole Pruner Refresher



## At a glance...

### Training (with Assessment) Competence with Modules

Duration Notes:	1 day
Delivery Method:	Theory/practical
Prerequisites:	All operators must be able to provide previous evidence of Training and/or certification in how to operate the machine and how to carry out the tasks required.

## Introduction

Maintain mastery of a powerful and potentially dangerous tool with our one-day refresher course.

This course is for those who are already operating in industry and need to complete refresher training as set out in the Chainsaws at Work INDG317 document.

## Overview in brief

You'll need to be confident operating and maintaining powered pole pruners to minimise the risk of accidents.

Our refresher course will make sure you still have that confidence as well as demonstrating that you and your employer have completed sufficient training to meet the **Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)**.

It's ideal if you work in a number of industries, from Agriculture to Woodland.

## The finer details

Our one-day course goes over the basics of working with the powered pole pruner.





You'll run through health and safety requirements and how to maintain the machine.

Pre-cutting tests will be explained before you move on to practical work.

Course sessions:

- Health and safety legislation and guidelines
- Safety features of a powered pole pruner
- Maintaining the powered pole pruner chain
- Maintaining the guide bar
- Engine maintenance
- Starting the pruning saw and pre-cut checks
- Clear and tidy working area and pruning saw checks.

Worth Noting: There is a physical element to this course. As a result, a minimum level of fitness is an essential requirement.

## What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Complete basic environmental checks prior to work operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required, report on its condition and locate standard markings
- Identify the health and safety features required on a pruning saw
- Identify faults and defects on a pruning saw and cutting equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- Carry out correctly all routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction book and/or the Lantra Awards workbook
- Prepare the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and chain lubrication
- Start the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication
- Carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the pruning saw fails these tests
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks and complete a risk assessment
- Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber
- Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- Use correct pruning methods
- Clear the pruned branches in a safe manner
- Organise site safety and state the procedures required.

