

# Cross-cut Timber Using a Chainsaw

## At a glance...

### Training (Only)

Duration Notes:	1 day
Delivery Method:	Theory/practical
Prerequisites:	Learners must be 16 or older and it is strongly recommended that operators hold as a minimum a current Emergency First Aid Certificate.

## Introduction

Give yourself the edge with our one-day course in handling this powerful but dangerous tool.

## Overview in brief

This is a hands-on course that delivers both practical skills and health and safety guidance.

We keep the training groups small so that you'll receive plenty of individual attention from our experienced instructors throughout the process.

Ideal for those who work in the land-based sector or those starting their career in Treework.

## The finer details

This is a perfect introduction to expertly handling a chainsaw.

The course is also ideal if you're looking to work towards a regulated qualification or a Licence to Practice – both are available with our Level 2 Award in Cross-cut timber using a chainsaw.

We work closely with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to ensure both the course's content – and the materials we use – are in line with current safe working practices.



And you'll gain hands-on experience of starting a chainsaw, run through all the pre-cutting tests and learn the skills needed to expertly cross-cut timber, 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).



Worth noting: Chainsaws are powerful and potentially dangerous tools, so you'll need a minimum level of fitness to be able to complete the practical side of the training.

## Who should attend?

This course will be suitable for you if you work in or are looking to work in any of the following industries: Agriculture, Horticulture, Woodland, Local Authorities, Conservation, Construction, Land-based.

Please Note: Due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness will be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage you as a learner, it is an essential requirement.

## What will be covered?

By the end of this course you will know how to:

- identify the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- report on the condition of PPE and locate safety standard marks
- identify safety and health features required on a chainsaw
- prepare the chainsaw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication
- start the chainsaw from hot and cold
- carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the chainsaw fails these tests
- state the possible hazards/risks when carrying out operational tasks
- cross-cut timber accurately to required lengths
- assess and explain the terms tension and compression in timber
- adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- handle and stack timber in a safe manner
- organise site safety and state the procedures required.

