

# Felling Utility Poles

## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	1 day
Delivery Method:	Theory and Practical
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards
Prerequisites:	Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting

## Introduction

This course requires felling to be conducted on non-living timber, manufactured poles, which have been placed in-situ for relaying utilities.

This course requires the safe felling of timber material in this setting/environment.

## Overview in brief

This course covers the identification of risks, site safety and safe felling procedures.

## The finer details

Identify the Risk Assessment and emergency procedure on a worksite.

Organise site safety and state the procedures required.

Assess the poles to be felled for hazards and risks.

Fell utility poles which have a diameter less than the effective cutting length of a guide bar (guide bar length not greater than 380mm/15").

Make accurate felling cuts in the correct positions.



Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar.



### Who should attend?

Anyone who uses or will be using a chainsaw to fell utility poles, including industry workers engaged in felling utility poles.

### What will be covered?

By the end of the course the learner will:

- Inspect the site prior to starting work
- Select and wear appropriate PPE
- Demonstrate knowledge of planning the pole felling operation
- Prepare the pole for felling
- Demonstrate knowledge of hazards that may be associated with preparing the pole to fell and felling the pole
- Fell a pole accurately in the required direction using wedge(s) or a lever
- Demonstrate knowledge of the dangers of using a pushing chain
- Demonstrate knowledge of the techniques to be used to fell a pole that has “sat back” against the intended felling direction.

