

# Emergency Services Chainsaw Operator

## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

Delivery Method: Training (with Assessment )

Prerequisites: 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.

## Introduction

This course is designed to introduce Emergency Service personnel (e.g. Fire Service and Police) to the safety features, functions and capability of the Stihl MS461R Emergency Services Chainsaw (or equivalent model), also known as a Rescue Chainsaw.

## Overview in brief

This is an ideal introduction to expertly handling and maintaining an Emergency Services Chainsaw.

You will learn all the theory needed to use and keep a chainsaw running safely, with key sessions covering: Health & Safety, PPE, safety features, maintenance plus applying appropriate operational techniques.

You will gain hands on experience of starting a chainsaw, completing pre-cutting tests, safety checks, and learn the skills needed to operate the chainsaw to cut through a range of different materials.

## Who should attend?

Emergency Services personnel who need to operate an Emergency Services Chainsaw.



## What will be covered?

By the end of the course learners will:



- Know safety legislation and guidelines
- Know appropriate Chainsaw PPE, plus additional PPE required to use the MS461R
- Know the safety features, function and capabilities of the MS461R
- Be able to complete routine maintenance of the MS461R
- Be able to fit/adjust depth limiter, adjust depth of cut, tension the saw chain
- Be able to carry out pre-cutting safety checks and start the machine from cold and hot
- Be able to apply the correct stance and cutting techniques to cut various materials (eg glass, metal sandwich panel, single skin metal panel, composite sandwich panel)
- Understand the procedures if a chainsaw becomes trapped.

## Other areas of interest

- Chainsaw
- Emergency Treework Operations
- 4x4 Off Road Vehicle Operating.

