

Tree Pruning Using Hand Tools from Ground and from a MEWP (Skills Card)



At a glance...

Assessed Customised Provision

Delivery Method:	Theory and Practical
Recognised by:	Openreach/LANTRA
Prerequisites:	First Aid +F

Introduction

This 2 day course has been developed with Openreach to train their Engineers in Tree Pruning using Handtools from ground and from a MEWP.

Overview in brief

This course will inform candidates of best practice in pruning principles and techniques using hand tools from ground and from a MEWP. This is a practical course where practice is underpinned by an understanding of the legislation and safety guidelines relating to manual tree pruning and felling operations.

The finer details

1. Theory session – Legislation and best practice, pruning techniques
2. Development of practical skills and techniques
3. Pruning from ground using extending tools
4. Pruning from a MEWP using hand tools/extending tools

Who should attend?

Openreach engineers who require to carry out tree pruning as part of their role.

What will be covered?

The information and practical training provided during this course will enable you to:



- Appreciate the legislation, safety guidelines and your responsibilities relating to manual tree pruning and felling operations, both from ground and from a MEWP (Mobile Elevated Work Platform)



- Understand the safety considerations to be observed in organising a worksite
- Understand pruning principles/techniques
- Understand small tree felling principles/techniques
- Carry out a range of (BS3998) compliant pruning techniques
- Carry out small tree felling and assisted felling
- 'Break down' limbs and small tree crowns using a handsaw to aid disposal/stacking
- Position the MEWP in relation to the tree works
- Operate the MEWP to achieve a suitable work position
- Carry out pruning operations from the MEWP using hand tools
- Tie basic knots to install pulling lines

