

Course Objectives:

To enable course members to:

- State the regulations and safety requirements related to the use of chainsaws
- Assess fully and partially windblown, broken timber and make decisions on appropriate action
- Process multiple windblown trees using appropriate techniques
- Operate a winch to control movement of root plates

NB: This course covers individual windblown trees and does not include techniques for dealing with multiple windblown in dense coniferous plantations which present very significant hazards and require specialist skills and knowledge.

Who is the course designed for?

This training-only course is for people who are required to deal with multiple windblown trees in open areas, have attended the basic chainsaw courses in this series, or their equivalent, and have the appropriate certification units CS30, CS31, CS32 and CS 34. It is designed to prepare candidates for NPTC CS35.

Duration:

1 Day Practical

Instructor/Trainee Ratio:

Max 1:4

Course Content:

- Introduction
- Maintenance
- Assessing lying windblown and broken timber
- Cutting demonstration and practice
- Winching/cutting windblown timber Cutting practice

Equipment & Facilities:

Venue

- Minimum of three trees of appropriate size and leaning or hung up on site for the Instructor and each course Member.
- Well lit workshop.
- Adequately heated workshop complying with COSHH workplace regulations.
- Room with tables and chairs

Trainee

- Chainsaw complying with pre-course handout
- Operator's maintenance kit and equipment
- Close-fitting coveralls
- Safety equipment to include:
 - safety helmet, incorporating ear defenders and eye protection;
 - 'non' snag top chainsaw mitts/gloves (back of left hand safety padded);
 - chainsaw trousers or leggings with safety padding
 - chainsaw boots (for regular users) or safety boots with steel toe caps and safety spats for occasional users working in a level, snag free environment