

<p><b>Course Objectives:</b></p>	<p><b>At the end of the course, participants will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prune branches safely from within the tree in proximity to overhead power line</li> <li>• Carry out assisted fell in proximity to an overhead powerline</li> </ul>
<p><b>Who is the course designed for?</b></p>	<p>UA Awards are only valid for 3 years from issue date candidates will need 'recertification' every 3 years. This course is essential for holders of UA2.3 Awards who are working in the utility arboriculture industry</p>
<p><b>Pre-requisites:</b></p>	<p>Trainees must hold: City &amp; Guilds (NPTC) UA2.3</p>
<p><b>Duration:</b></p>	<p>1 Day Training + ½ day assessment</p>
<p><b>Instructor/Trainee Ratio:</b></p>	<p>Max 1:6</p>
<p><b>Course Content:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of common species &amp; tree categories A, B, C &amp; D</li> <li>• Knowledge &amp; implications of different pruning methods</li> <li>• Assess site &amp; electrical hazards</li> <li>• Electrical Method of Work procedures for each tree category</li> <li>• Felling trees adjacent to overhead lines</li> <li>• Briefing ground staff &amp; effective communication</li> <li>• Lookout/Groundsman</li> <li>• Insulated Rods – assemble, inspect, use, minimum numbers, factors of care and maintenance</li> <li>• Utility pruning operations involving climbing activities</li> <li>• Climb tree and achieve work position</li> <li>• 1-2-3 cut sequence</li> <li>• Directional and target pruning</li> <li>• Use of pruning tools &amp; appropriate PPE</li> </ul>

## **Required Kit List**

### **PPE:**

- A safety helmet (HSE strongly recommends a mountaineering style helmet complying with BS EN 12492, with chin strap, eye protection and hearing protection)
- Chainsaw protective trousers with all round protection 'Type C'
- As a minimum, climbers should carry a personal first aid kit, incorporating a large wound dressing, barrier gloves, plasters and a whistle
- Chainsaw protective boots with good grip and protective guarding at front vamp and instep complying with (EN 381-3)
- Gloves with protective guarding on the back of the left hand (complying with EN 381-7)
- Outdoor clothing

### **Tool Kit & Equipment:**

Full set of LOLER compliant climbing equipment to include:

- Rope
- Harness
- Minimum of 3 karabiners
- Strop
- Friction devices (e.g. prussic loops, split tails)
- Handsaw
- Top Handled Chain saw – maximum guide bar length 380mm/15"
  
- Chainsaw – guide bar length 380mm/15"
- Combination spanner/screwdriver
- Soft brush (to clean air filter)
- Round file and holder (appropriate to your chain)
- Flat mill saw file
- Bar groove cleaner
- Depth gauge setting tool
- Grease gun and grease (if applicable to your saw)
- Felling lever/breaker bar
- Felling wedges
- Two Stroke fuel & chain oil
- Insulated rods with pruning head and saw head
- Packed Lunch
- Passport Photograph