

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

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