# Use of a Chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform

## At a glance…

**Training (Only)**

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| Duration Notes: | 2 days |
| Prerequisites: | You must have achieved the following qualifications or recognised industry equivalent before undertaking this course: |

- Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance
- Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Cross-cut Timber Using a Chainsaw
- Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm

or

- Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting



- Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm

You must also have valid MEWP certification for the type of machine being used.

## Introduction

Hone your specialist chainsaw skills with our comprehensive two-day course.

This course is not an alternative to achieving the qualification in this area. Professional Users must achieve the Level 3 Award in Use of a Chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform - MEWP.

## Overview in brief

Any work involving the use of a chainsaw carries an element of risk.

Operating a chainsaw from a mobile elevating work platform (MEWP) is no exception.

Our course is designed to help set up that risk.

It's appropriate for anyone aged 16 or over.

## The finer details

We expect you to have a working knowledge of chainsaw maintenance and cross-cut techniques.

You'll also need to have a current licence to practice in the type of MEWP you aim to use.

Our course does not include work with MEWPs that are not controllable from the platform bucket.

We use a balanced mix of theory and practical sessions.

You'll learn the latest safety guidelines and legislation.

We'll also teach you the practical skills required to operate your chainsaw safely and efficiently.

**Course sessions:**

- HSE legislation and safety guidelines
- MEWP equipment
- Checks before using a MEWP
- Setting up the MEWP
- Chainsaw use
- Completion of work.

Worth noting: You must be physically fit and not on any medication that could affect your safety.

This is not a course for anyone suffering from vertigo or similar conditions.

There may be courses you'll need to have completed before undertaking this one.

If you're unsure, please check with your training provider.

## Who should attend?

If you would like to take this course, please make sure that you hold a current licence to practice in the MEWP type you would like to use as well as a working knowledge of chainsaw maintenance and cross-cut techniques.

You should also be particularly aware of the potential hazards of being cut by the saw, hit by the timber and exposure to noise and vibration. A top or rear handled chainsaw with guide bar appropriate to timber size should be used.

This training is particularly helpful for people who work in the following industries: Arboriculture, Forestry, Woodland, Local authorities, Conservation.

Please Note: Before taking this course, it's important that you already have a current licence to practice in the MEWP type you need to use, along with a solid knowledge in chainsaw maintenance and set up.

The course does not include work with work platforms that are not controllable from the platform bucket.

To take this training, you must be physically fit and not suffering from vertigo or similar conditions or on medication that could affect your safety.

There may also be courses that you need to have completed before taking this training course. If you're unsure, your training provider will be able to help you.

This course is not appropriate for persons under 16 years of age.

## What will be covered?

By the end of this course, you'll be able to:

- Understand the legislation and safety guidelines pertaining to the use of a chainsaw from a MEWP
- Observe the safety considerations in organising a worksite
- State the equipment to be used and the inspection intervals
- Select which type of MEWP to use
- Carry out pre-work checks on the MEWP
- Recognise and correct faults on the MEWP
- Check the site for hazards
- Understand how to deal with emergencies
- Operate the MEWP to achieve suitable work position
- Remove lateral limbs using both handsaw and chainsaw
- Remove vertical stem sections using a chainsaw
- Correctly install and position a pulling rope
- Tie basic knots – running bowline, timber hitch and clove hitch
- Prepare MEWP for transport and tidy site.