

Basic Tree Survey and Inspection

Course Code: CLMC57X

Course Objectives

To enable course members to :

- State the legal and safety implications of hazardous trees
- Maintain your own health and safety while carrying out Basic Tree Survey and Inspection
- Recognize hazardous trees
- Determine level of risk
- Decide on an appropriate course of action
- Collect and maintain adequate information
- Recognize your own limitations

Course aim

This one-day course aims to provide specific tree survey and inspection training at a basic level for contractors, highway engineers, tree wardens, grounds maintenance staff, rangers and other persons of a non-arboricultural background or with limited arboricultural knowledge, to allow them to identify obvious defects from ground level and then to report their finding to a line manager.

Who is the Course For?

Any persons employed as local authority highway inspectors, forestry, woodland or arboricultural employees, estate or park rangers, farmers and other landowners or their employees who may have a responsibility for trees in the course of their work. Additionally, this course may be useful for those who work with trees in a voluntary capacity.

Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites.

Duration/Format

1 day

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:14 Min: 2

Course Content

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| • Introduction | • Determining the scope and limits of the survey |
| • PPE | • Highways |
| • Risk Assessment | • Parks, gardens, woodland |
| • Legal Framework | • Hazardous trees |
| • Tree Surveys | • Methodology – what to look for |
| • Tree Inspections | • Recording pro-formas |
| • Tree Hazard Assessment | • Survey / inspection exercise |

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Facilities/Equipment required:

Organiser

For each course member:

- Joining instructions
- Location map reference / venue address
- Lapel badges

Venue

- Emergency contingency information:
 - Location map reference / venue address
 - Fire /evacuation procedures
 - Fire alarm and extinguisher(s)
 - Telephone number of nearest hospital with emergency service
 - First aid equipment (which complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981)

- Classroom facilities with space and seating for up to 15, with light, heating and power, toilet facilities, tea and coffee provision.
- Flipchart / whiteboard (for newsprint, flipcharts etc plus pens)
- Power point projector and screen
- Outside:
 - Ideally, a selection of trees with a variety of identifiable signs and symptoms to use as an exercise in tree survey and inspection

Instructor/Tutor

- **Power point presentation on CD or**
- **Laptop**
- **Copy of workbook**
- **Instructor manual**

Publications included in package

Lantra Awards workbook for Basic Tree Survey and Inspection, Arboricultural Association publication: 'Tree surveys: a guide to good practice', site specific risk assessment form, certificate claim forms

Instructor – Basic Registration Criteria

Group B: Please refer to the Lantra awards Instructor information pack

Instructor – Technical Skills Knowledge and Experience

Instructor / tutors for this course must have extensive experience in arboricultural practice, including at least five year's experience in carrying out tree survey and inspection. They will hold a level 3 or 4 qualification in arboriculture, or provide equivalent evidence to support their application.