# For all Lantra Awards chainsaw courses you must have:

### 1 Chainsaw

- Rear or top-handled chainsaw that complies with requirements in AFAG Safety Guide 301. Top-handled chainsaws may only be operated on Lantra Awards training courses for arboriculture (not for ground use) operations
- The saw must have all the features marked on the diagram overleaf
- The chainsaw should have a maximum guide bar length of 380mm/15"
- The chainsaw should be in good working order with no broken or missing parts. If attending a maintenance course, it can be in a condition requiring sharpening and normal operator maintenance. For all other courses, the saw should be sharp and ready to use.
- **NB**: Any saw not meeting the above requirements cannot be maintained or used on any Lantra Awards course.

## 2 Fuel and oil for your saw

- Petrol/oil mix in an appropriate container
- Two stroke oil for mixing
- Chain oil (vegetable oils are recommended).

### 3 Personal first aid kit Hand cleanser/wet wipes

- 4 Operator's manual/specifications
  - For your saw
  - For your chain

## **5** Protective clothing

If you are using a chainsaw on a Lantra Awards training course you will be required to wear the protective clothing as listed below. All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) manufactured or imported since July 1995 must conform to a CE Standard. The relevant 'EN' Standard No's are printed in brackets.

The Health and Safety Executive recommend the following protective clothing is worn when a chainsaw is being used:

- A safety helmet which should be less than 3 years old or in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations (complying with EN 397/EN 12492)
- Eye protection mesh visor (complying with
- EN 1731) or safety glasses (complying with EN 166)
- Hearing protection (complying with EN 352)
- **Gloves**\* with protective guarding on the back of the left hand (complying with EN 381-7).
- Leg protection\* incorporating chain clogging materials (complying with EN 381-5). All round protection is recommended for arborists and occasional users
- **Chainsaw protective boots**\* (complying with BS ISO 20345: 2004).

### 6 Basic maintenance tools

- Combination spanner/screwdriver
- Soft brush (to clean air filter)
- Round file and holder (suitable for your chain)
- Flat mill saw file
- Bar groove cleaner
- Depth gauge setting tool
- Grease gun and grease (if applicable to your saw)
- Feeler gauge to spark plug.

# For felling courses you must have:

- a filing clamp (stump vice)
- a felling lever
- plastic or alloy wedges.

In addition to the above you may also need the following items for certain courses:

- tool belt complete with:
  - o loggers tape
  - o tongs
  - pulp hook
- sledge hammer
- hand winch and strops
- turning strap.

Please check with your instructor or training provider.

These items should carry the CE chainsaw logo (complying with EN 381-3).



**NB:** If your chainsaw or protective clothing is unsafe or unsuitable, the instructor may ask you to leave the course.

### **Please note**

All chainsaws should have all the features marked on the diagram overleaf as these meet current HSE requirements.

The HSE and Lantra Awards recommend all chainsaw operators hold an Emergency First Aid certificate as a minimum.





# CHAINSAWS Pre-course handout

Lantra Awards acknowledges the valuable assistance given by many individuals, organisations a official bodies in the industry in the preparation of this handout. Lantra Awards, however, makes no recommendation as to the efficiency of any specific item of equipment referred to or illustrated in this document.

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# The saw you bring to a Lantra Awards course must have all the features marked below.

FRONT HAND GUARD / CHAIN BRAKE EXHAUS

POSITIVE, CLEARLY MARKED ON/OFF SWITCH

SAFETY THROTI

SAFETY CHAIN COMPATIBLE WITH GUIDE BAR

BAR COVER /

IN CATCHER