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# Safety and Health Awareness Day for Arboricultural Contractors

## 9th March 2016

Capel Manor College, Bullsmoor Lane,  
Enfield, EN1 4RQ

The AA is hosting this **FREE** one-day event on behalf of HSE, to encourage engagement with the wider tree work industry. As such the first 60 places will be reserved for arboricultural contractors who are not current Arboricultural Association members or ARB Approved Contractors\*.

Financially supported by HSE, it is delivered by a team of Arboricultural Association Technical Officers, HSE staff and the Arb Matters training team.

### Course Objectives

The key objectives of this one-day Safety and Health Awareness Day (SHAD) aimed at arboricultural contractors are:

- To increase the competence, knowledge and understanding of those contractors attending the SHAD, in particular with regard to complying with current legislative requirements, awareness of significant health and safety issues and where to find practical advice on how to implement safe working practices.
- To support a reduction in the number of fatal and major injuries in arboriculture by disseminating industry good practice and making those who work in the industry more aware of the benefits of working safely.

### Who is the course aimed at?

The course is aimed at any arboricultural or tree work contractors – specifically those who are **not** members of the Arboricultural Association.

\*If these places are not filled the course may be open to AA members at a later date.

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## Course content

See the table opposite for the objectives that will be achieved through a mixture of indoor presentations and outdoor exercises on a range of topics:

## Pre-requisites

None, although delegates should be working in arboricultural contracting and first places will be offered to those who are not currently Arboricultural Association members or ARB Approved Contractors.\*

## Duration

This is a one-day event from  
**9:00am – 4:30pm**

## Facilities/equipment required for delegates

None required. Sensible outdoor clothing for demonstration sessions.

## Course Materials provided

A comprehensive range of support materials, including:

- Notepad
- Pen
- AFAG / FISA Guides
- Industry Code of Practice for Arboriculture – Tree Work at Height
- Industry good practice guides
- Risk assessment pro-formas, etc.

Session/topic	Learning points
<b>Pre-work assessment</b>	Assessment of tree to plan work methods, initial risk assessment and resource management.
<b>Training and certification available to arborists – LANTRA Awards, NPTC City and Guilds etc.</b>	Current training and certification systems available in the UK.
<b>Industry Safety Guides and Codes of Practice relevant to practical arboriculture</b>	Current HSE/industry guidance available.
<b>PPE available to arborists</b>	PPE required for chainsaw use, both on and off-the-ground.
<b>Risk Assessment for Commercial Arboriculture</b>	Understanding both generic and site specific risk assessments.
<b>Application of LOLER to arboriculture</b>	What arboricultural equipment is subject to LOLER and the inspection regimes that are required.
<b>Demonstration scenarios, including access into, moving around in and descending from trees, plus aerial rescue</b>	Demonstration of safe techniques for gaining access into, moving around in and descending from trees. Demonstration of the safe use of top-handled chainsaws. Demonstration of aerial rescue.
<b>Work at Height Safety Audit</b> (Practical session for delegates)	Delegates to carry out safety audit.

**Please note:** Programme content and timings subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather etc.

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