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**Overview**

This standard is about planting trees to a given specification

It is suitable for those involved in planting whips through to large root-balled trees

This standard covers planting and providing after care to trees once planted

This standard is for anyone involved in the planting of trees

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 assess the risks associated with the site and the proposed works
- P2 select and implement appropriate working method in accordance with the assessed risks
- P3 ensure the bio-security and the condition of the tree before transporting and establishment
- P4 check condition and species of tree in line with planting specification
- P5 handle plant material to minimise damage and optimise growth
- P6 transport planting stock and materials in accordance with the planting specification
- P7 plant trees in line with the planting specification
- P8 provide support and protection to trees, as per the specification and size of stock
- P9 where appropriate provide after care
- P10 remove all waste and surplus materials and dispose of them as specified
- P11 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times in accordance with current legislation

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
- K2 how to interpret risk assessments
- K3 the types of tools and equipment required and how to maintain and use these safely and effectively
- K4 why it is important to maintain safety and security of equipment and vehicles when on site
- K5 how to choose the right quality, compatibility, size and species of stock
- K6 how to recognise healthy planting stock
- K7 planting support and protection methods for a variety of trees
- K8 how to select suitable support systems where required
- K9 how to handle and plant different types of plant material to maintain stock in good condition
- K10 how to check the condition and bio-security of these trees to ensure they are fit for establishment
- K11 the problems and aftercare requirements of newly planted trees to ensure successful establishment
- K12 correct methods of disposing of surplus materials and/or waste
- K13 why planting records should be kept
- K14 the responsibilities of the landowner
- K15 your responsibilities under current environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice

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