

LANTw27 - SQA Unit Code H2SH 04

Support colleagues undertaking off ground tree related operations



Overview

This standard is about supporting colleagues undertaking treework operations. The standard includes the safe preparation and maintenance of work sites, supporting and assisting colleagues working off ground, the manual treatment and disposal of arisings or residues

Anyone involved in the positioning of warning signs on public highways needs to be supervised by a qualified person under relevant legislation

This standard is for people who are on the ground supporting their colleagues who are working off the ground

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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 check, prepare, safeguard and secure additional equipment to support climbing operations
- P4 select, prepare and use tools and equipment that are appropriate to the work, safely and effectively
- P5 maintain the security of machinery and equipment on site
- P6 in liaison with the climber pass and retrieve equipment to the climber in the tree
- P7 in liaison with the climber enter the drop zone to remove wood or arisings safely and effectively
- P8 dispose of arising in accordance with safe working practices and environmental considerations
- P9 communicate effectively with others throughout the works including the client and any members of the public
- P10 inform the climber promptly and clearly of any changes in hazard and risk on the site
- P11 in liaison with the climber sort, order and maintain the climbing system
- P12 restore the site to a clean and tidy condition
- P13 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times in accordance with current legislation
- P14 implement emergency procedures as necessary

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the emergency plan and procedure (including environmental and aerial rescue)
- K2 how to identify hazards and assess risks
- K3 how to interpret risk assessments
- K4 how to monitor and control sites to ensure safe working (in liaison with the climber)
- K5 why colleagues working above ground require support
- K6 how to assist the climber in ensuring that access equipment and systems are in safe working order
- K7 how to safely pass and retrieve equipment to the climber in the tree
- K8 why it is important to remove arisings from the drop zone as soon as it is safe to do so
- K9 how to initiate and maintain effective communication throughout the works with colleagues, the client and the general public
- K10 the basic principles of tree biology and how they impact the work site
- K11 how the species and condition of trees will affect your work
- K12 your responsibilities under current environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice

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Glossary

Access equipment includes access and egress, Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs), hanging off ropes, rope access, rope positioning, ladders, scaffolding, cranes, spikes

Climber in this case means the person working off the ground, which could include Mobile Elevated Work Platforms or rope and harness

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