



# Andy's Chainsaw Training

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Kit requirement for arboricultural dismantling:

- Rigging rope. This should have a diameter of 12mm or above and be about 45m long. It should be designed/constructed for the purpose of rigging.
- Snatch block. A rigging pulley designed to accept the diameter of rigging rope. It may be rated for the intended diameter or thicker but NOT thinner.
- Means of attaching snatch block/friction device to tree. One is required for each. This may be a whoopie sling or deadeye. The method of attachment will be demonstrated.
- Friction device. This is for controlling the rate of fall of the felled section. A flying capstan or portawrap are two available examples.
- Tag Line. Any static rope of about 20m+ to aid the control of felled sections.
- Minimum of 2 Steel 3-way karabiners rated at 30-50kN.
- Optional. Techniques will demonstrated using rope only to secure the felled sections. Webbing loops of about 1.2m-1.5m may be used to reduce rigging time.

It is expected that the learner will also bring:

- Climbing kit with current LOLER certification.
- Top/rear handled chainsaw with 15" guide bar.
- Chainsaw lanyard for attaching chainsaw to harness.
- Wire core lanyard.
- Climbing irons/gaffs/spikes.
- Ground saw for processing lowered sections.
- Sufficient fuel and chain/bar oil for chainsaws.