

What the training is all about



Trees with the highest risk are the easiest to find

Training takes one day

6 hours of CPD/CEU & Certification

This workshop will train your staff how to recognise trees with **obvious risk features** that need a closer look by an Arborist. It's a particularly valuable tree risk management asset for any organisation that has staff who spend a lot of time working outside. That's because it's these people who are best placed to first pick up on tree risks that might not be Acceptable or Tolerable as they go about their daily routines.

The training helps a tree owner or manager to fulfil their duty of care. It fits seamlessly into VALID's **Tree Risk-Benefit Management Strategies**. Some key elements of these strategies are staff carrying out *Passive Assessment* whilst they're going about their usual job. And carrying out an *Active Assessment* at a *Basic* level.

ISO 31000 – Risk Management

It dovetails into ISO 31000

In ISO 31000 - Risk Management language, the training emphasises these 'Principles'. It's an *integrated, structured and comprehensive, customised, and inclusive* approach, based on *best available information*, to manage tree risk at all levels of an organisation. At the 'Process' level, it's the *risk identification* and *risk analysis* stages that are being carried out.

What's Passive Assessment?

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Passive Assessment is picking up on obvious tree risk features you can't help but notice as you go about your day-to-day working routine.

Active Assessment | Basic > Detailed > Advanced

A structured approach with three levels of assessment

We're looking at Basic Assessment

Active Assessment is a structured approach where you're looking for trees with obvious risk features where the risk might not be Acceptable or Not Tolerable. It starts at a Basic level. Apart from emergency work where a tree or branch is obviously about to fall, Basic Validators only need to report trees with obvious risk features. It's up to their Contact Arborist or manager to decide whether to increase the level of risk evaluation to a Detailed Assessment.

What you'll learn

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You don't need to have any knowledge about trees or risk to benefit from this training. The main learning objectives are;

- Tree risk and what the law says about it
- Passive & Active Assessment and how they work in the Tree Risk-Benefit Management Strategies
- Recognising high-use and high-consequence zones
- How trees live and die and what affects their likelihood of failure
- What obvious tree risk features you need to pick up on and what not to be concerned about
- Last thing we do - a live firing exercise carrying out a Basic Assessment

Who would benefit in coming along?

**Highway Inspectors
Supervisors & Managers
Park & Wildlife Rangers
Utility Vegetation Assessors
Grounds Maintenance Staff
Forest & Woodland Owners
Tree Wardens & Field Staff
Landowners & Farmers**

The training is open to anyone, including tree contractors who are looking to widen their knowledge about tree risk assessment. It's particularly useful to those of you who spend a lot of time working outside.

We've equipped a wide range of professions and trades around the world to be Basic Validators. From State Roads Highways Inspectors, who carry out Active Assessment at a Basic level as part of their job. To Wildlife Park Rangers, who carry out Passive Assessment whilst going carrying out duties on their patch. And everyone in between.