



General Method Statement.

Chainsaw operation.

Introduction.

During the general maintenance of the canal line, volunteers will be required to use chainsaws to remove shrubs and trees from the canal line and towpath / footpath areas.

After preliminary investigations, the most effective and safe form of removal will be applied. This could take the form of hand held chainsaws for cutting of small trees and bushes.

Removed vegetation to be either burnt in a container or on a bonfire. Tree logs to be taken off site for use in wood burners, etc. See the Hedge Laying and Vegetation & Scrub clearance Method Statements.

Method.

Only work as directed by the site Supervisor must be carried out.

Only fully trained and certified to NPTC level in chainsaw operation operators will be allowed to use chainsaws to remove small trees. Operatives must wear approved PPE equipment when using a chainsaw. The chainsaw to be used must be in good condition and safe to use.

The chainsaw operator must ensure that all people assisting in the felling of trees be informed of the task and made aware of the area that the tree and foliage will fall. Proposed felling area to be fenced off, if possible, and banksman stationed to prevent the general public entering the area. Escape routes, in the event of the tree not falling in the proposed area, are to be planned. Tools and fuels to be left outside the proposed felling area.

Lone working is not allowed with a minimum of 2 people in a team.

Risk Assessment.

See attached Generic Risk Assessment sheet for General Chainsaw operation.

A dynamic project specific Risk Assessment to be carried out for specific sites for each major event.

Conclusion.

The work will be carried out with consideration of the general public and wild life. With the precautions being taken, there will be no risk to to the general public or DSCT volunteers during the this work.

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on behalf of the Derby and Sandiacre Trust