

1 What Basic Validator training is all about



**Training takes one day
6 hours of CPD/CEU + Certification**

1 This workshop will train your staff how to recognise trees with **obvious tree risk features** that need a closer look by an Arborist. It's an invaluable 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.

2 The training helps a tree manager or owner to fulfil their duty of care. It fits seamlessly into VALID's **Tree Risk-Benefit Management Strategies**. A key part of these strategies is staff carrying out *Passive Assessment* whilst they're going about their usual routine at work. Basic Validators can also carry out *Active Assessment* at a *Basic* level.

1.1 ISO 31000 – Risk Management

**It dovetails with
ISO 31000**

3 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.

1.2 What's Passive Assessment?

**Picking up on obvious tree risk
features you can't help but notice**

4 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.

1.3 Active Assessment | Basic > Detailed > Advanced

**A structured approach
with three levels of assessment
We're looking at Basic Assessment**

5 Active Assessment is 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 the level of risk evaluation need to be increased to a Detailed Assessment.

1.4 What you'll learn

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6 You don't need to have any knowledge about trees or risk to benefit from this training. The key 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

1.5 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**

7 The training is open to anyone. It's particularly useful to somebody who spends a lot of time working outside. Tree contractors who are looking to widen their knowledge about tree risk assessment will also find it useful.

We've trained 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.