Forestry Commission First Aid Policy

Recent changes to Forestry Commission First Aid policy (2012) recommend those who work in the Forestry industry attend training which includes additional topics relevant to the risks and nature of their work.

The Forestry Commission recommend topics including:

- Severe bleeding (i.e. chainsaw injury)
- Crush injury
- Hypothermia
- Lyme Disease

It must be noted that these topics are to be covered in addition to the standard syllabus.

The Health & Safety Executive prescribe that Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) courses should be delivered over 6 hours, not including breaks. The First Aid at Work (FAW) courses should be delivered over 18 hours, not including breaks.

As the above information is guidance rather than legislation, we are happy to work with customers to provide bespoke training which meets their needs but it should be noted that the above topics would realistically require at least an additional hour of contact time.

If your First Aid needs analysis suggests more training beyond EFAW+ the additional topics recommended by the Forestry Commission, we would recommend our Remote Outdoor First Aid course (16 Hours over 2 days); a practical course designed specifically for those who work in remote or higher hazard environments. This course will include those additional topics recommended by the Forestry Commission.