



If you as the landowner/farmer are intending to put out the work of tree felling and haulage of logs to contractors and where the sale of the logs to a sawmill or other client will be handled by yourself, then you have duties of both the Landowner and Forestry Works Manager.

Landowner duties after directly engaging forestry worksite contractors

Your Main duties as Landowner	Your Main duties as Forestry Works Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider how machines and trucks will access the worksite. Consider how forestry operations will affect members of the public, neighbours and local communities. Gather information on the hazards in or around the forestry worksite (overhead power lines, steep terrain, sections of trees which are windblown or diseased). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare an outline risk assessment in writing for the work on site. Prepare a map or drawing of the forest showing the worksite, access roads, overhead power lines, steep terrain, sections of trees which are wind blown or diseased. Ensure that all contractors are competent, have the necessary health and safety training (get copies of training certificates for operators of harvesters, forwarders, chainsaws). Monitor and record the health and safety of the operations on the worksite at least once per week.

If you as the landowner/farmer are intending to sell the standing trees to a sawmill, to a harvesting contractor or other client who may take on the work themselves or engage contractors for the felling and haulage, then your responsibilities are limited to that of the Landowner. In this case the role of the Forestry Works Manager then falls to either the sawmill, harvesting contractor or other such client.

Landowner duties – standing sale

- Get written agreement on who will be the Forestry Works Manager.
- Consider how machines and trucks will access the worksite.
- Consider how forestry operations will affect members of the public, neighbours and local communities.
- Gather information on the hazards in or around the forestry worksite (overhead power lines, steep terrain, sections of trees which are windblown or diseased).
- Pass on this information to the Forestry Works Manager.

Further Information

Health and Safety Authority (www.hsa.ie), Email: wcu@hsa.ie, Tel : 1890 289389

Further HSA Guidance

- The Code of Practice for Managing Safety and Health in Forestry Operations*
- Are you competent to operate a chainsaw safely?*
- Guide to Safe Working with Timber and Chainsaws*

