Improving Climber Safety and Efficiency – John Ball

Climbing represents a significant risk to arborists. It is the leading cause of fatal and severe nonfatal injuries. One reason for this high incident rate is the energy expended for climbing result in fatigue. This session will demonstrate the energy expended during climbing and what climbers can do to improve efficiency.

The New Z133- from A to Z – John Ball

The revised Z133 Safety Requirements for Arboricultural Operations is being published. This will replace the 2017 revision. The new standard has many changes from new training guidelines to a complete revision of the electrical standard. This session will cover all the changes and the incidents they (hopefully) will reduce if followed.

Presenter Bio –

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