

**INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY FATALITY**

- This notification is issued by HSE’s Agricultural Sector to Farm Safety Partnership, FISA and AIAC members, to assist timely promotion of key health and safety messages.
- The details below are based on initial notification and media coverage and do not fully reflect the detailed circumstances of the incident.
- The links to existing H&S guidance are intended to help recipients to promote health and safety and should not be taken to imply anything specific about the circumstances of the incident.
- Recipients are asked to feedback a summary of action they have taken within 2 weeks of receipt of this notification.

<b>Notification number:</b>	2017/08
<b>Release date of fatal alert:</b>	20 February 2017
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<b>Cleared for release by head of Sector on:</b>	20 February 2017
<b>Feedback to be provided to HSE by:</b>	6 March 2017
<b>Please send feedback to:</b>	<a href="mailto:nick.sangha@hse.gov.uk">nick.sangha@hse.gov.uk</a>
<b>Action required by FSP/AIAC members</b>	
<p>To disseminate relevant safety messages amongst your membership and your other industry contacts to influence those that engage in tree work, either professionally or as an occasional feature of their business. We should aim to promote the guidance on managing the risks involved in working with chainsaws during tree work remembering that from time-to-time this work is also carried out on estates, farms and other agricultural locations.</p>	

## Incident summary as notified to HSE or reported in the media

<b>Age of person killed</b>	<16 <input type="checkbox"/>	25–34 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	45–54 <input type="checkbox"/>	65 and over <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(mark age range)</b>	16-24 <input type="checkbox"/>	35-44 <input type="checkbox"/>	55-64 <input type="checkbox"/>	Age not known <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Employment status:</b>	Self-employed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Employee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Member of public	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Not yet known	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Date of incident</b>	15 February 2017			
<b>Geographic area</b>	London			
<b>General nature of incident</b>	Tree work			
<b>Brief details of incident</b>				
Initial notification is that a worker died when he came into contact with his chainsaw during tree work.				
<b>Links to relevant published guidance (HSE and Partnership publications)</b>				
Further guidance can be found on the <a href="#">Tree work health &amp; safety</a> web site also for <a href="#">key concerns for tree surgeons</a> and the <a href="#">Forestry Industry Safety Accord (FISA)</a> website.				
<b>Key messages for FSP/AIAC members to promote</b>				
Statistics show that the vast majority of fatal and major injuries in tree work are associated with chainsaw operations, being struck by a tree/tree branch or a fall.				
The <a href="#">safety topic section</a> of the tree work website provides guidance on a range of key topics and forms the basis of health and safety advice for people working in the arboriculture and forestry industry. Each topic page provides information and advice as well as references to some of the other most relevant HSE and <a href="#">FISA publications</a> .				
<b>Link to known media report</b>				
<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38983892">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38983892</a>				
<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/man-killed-in-freak-chainsaw-accident-in-bermondsey-named-as-gregergy-bulbuc-a3467921.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/man-killed-in-freak-chainsaw-accident-in-bermondsey-named-as-gregergy-bulbuc-a3467921.html</a>				