

## Pruning tools in vineyard

### Task Description:

The seasonal worker goes from vineyard to vineyard 4 months per year to do manual pruning. In the earlier days this was done with a knife (cutting risks!), fortunately nowadays special tools can be used. Very severe back flexion occurs and awkward wrist postures.



### Comments from the employee:

- ❑ 'The work height is not always in accordance with the working posture'
- ❑ 'It is complicated to obtain a correct working posture'
- ❑ 'It is no comfortable standing posture'

### MSD risks:

- ❑ Uncomfortable postures of back, neck and shoulder

### Exposed areas:

- ❑ Neck / shoulder
- ❑ upper/lower back

### Solutions:

- ❑ Better tools



**Pruning clipper or lopping shear**



**Powered secateur**

### Comments from the employer

*Good tools exist for reducing the load of the hand and wrist: powered secateur OK for wrist, but still not for the back !*