

DANGER



Remember: The drop zone is an exclusion zone

There have been numerous incidents where operatives have inadvertently suffered injury from a cut tree or branch within the 'drop zone'

The risks at ground level must never be underestimated

Wood dropping from trees above; or sliding down embankments can have devastating effect if they strike a person: brain injury; catastrophic spinal injury and death.

IN THE DROP ZONE

Stay alert, stay safe.

Always use the two tree rule

Always follow the two tree length rule when calculating and marking out the drop zone.

Danger from above

Any operative in the drop zone who becomes aware that cutting is taking place should take immediate steps to safely exit it.

Maintain communication at all times

There must be no doubt as to when it is safe to enter the drop zone. Ensure that all communication between the climber and other operatives is pre-agreed and clear. Use a two-way radio.

Beware on embankments

Where embankment felling is being undertaken - give full consideration to the correct danger zone below and the potential route of sliding/rolling cut wood. Carefully consider the location of chippers and the routes to these relative to embankment felling.

Never enter the drop zone

unless you have received an all clear from the climber.

Climber beware

The climber should be aware at all times of the location of others. If in doubt stop working until their position is clear.

Always wear appropriate PPE including hi-viz clothing and safety helmet



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