

Partial Cutting and Safety

A high-contrast, black and white silhouette of a logger working in a forest. The logger is positioned in the center, facing left, and is using a chainsaw to cut a tree. The background is a bright, overexposed forest scene with many trees and foliage. The logger's silhouette is dark and detailed, showing the hat, shirt, pants, and the chainsaw. The overall image has a grainy, high-contrast aesthetic.

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The Main Concern – Overhead Hazards

Danger Tree Assessment – been in place for almost 10 years
BEST if all fallers are trained assessors

Steps taken by assessor:

1. Determine level of disturbance
2. Conduct a site overview
3. Assess trees to determine defect failure potential
4. Make appropriate safety decision



Safety procedures

Safe

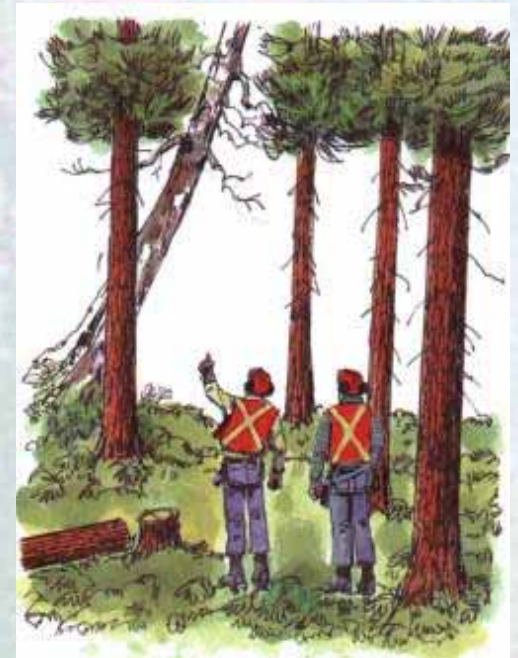
- Tree safe to work around, monitor as appropriate

Dangerous

- Remove tree
- Remove dangerous parts of tree
- Install no-work (hazard) zone
- Stabilize tree



Zone must be wide enough to address the hazard



2005 – A very bad year for logger safety on the Coast

- 7 fallers died



BC Forest Safety Council – started Faller Certification Program in 2003

- 2600 certified to date
- 5 of 7 fallers were certified
- Yet – problems still mostly with training, supervision and planning

What else is the BC Forest Safety Council Doing?



- **New faller training (30 day course)**
- **Qualified bull-bucker course – assessment done onsite**
- **ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS:**
 - Not to hire uncertified or unqualified loggers.
- **Safety Accord Forestry Enterprise program**
 - Audited for compliance – voluntary program
 - BCTS and Canfor have both committed.

Is the problem partial cutting???

MB (Weyco) implementation period with VR...

- **Safest forest operations on BC coast 99-2000**
 - Continual reduction in accident record from 1999 to 2003
 - KEY – emphasis on safety – programs / training
 - Worked with WCB through implementation



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