

FATAL

Industry: Construction

Age: 27

Experience: A Few Days

Area: Southern Coastal

Clear out exposed, unstable trees

A worker was killed when high winds uprooted a tree 37 metres (120 ft.) high. When the tree fell, the worker was working across a roadway, about 27 metres (90 ft.) from the base of the falling tree. The tree uprooted, falling across the roadway and striking the worker on the head. Selective logging for home sites had left some of the second-growth trees exposed to the prevailing winds. A number of these trees had damaged root systems, and the soil around them was of a sandy, gravelly nature.

Safe work practices:

- Ensure that trees left standing after selective clearing are inspected by a qualified person to ensure that they are firmly rooted and stable.
- Clear out exposed, unstable trees.
- Move workers out of work areas where high winds could expose them to the danger of falling trees.



Language shouldn't be a barrier to safety

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