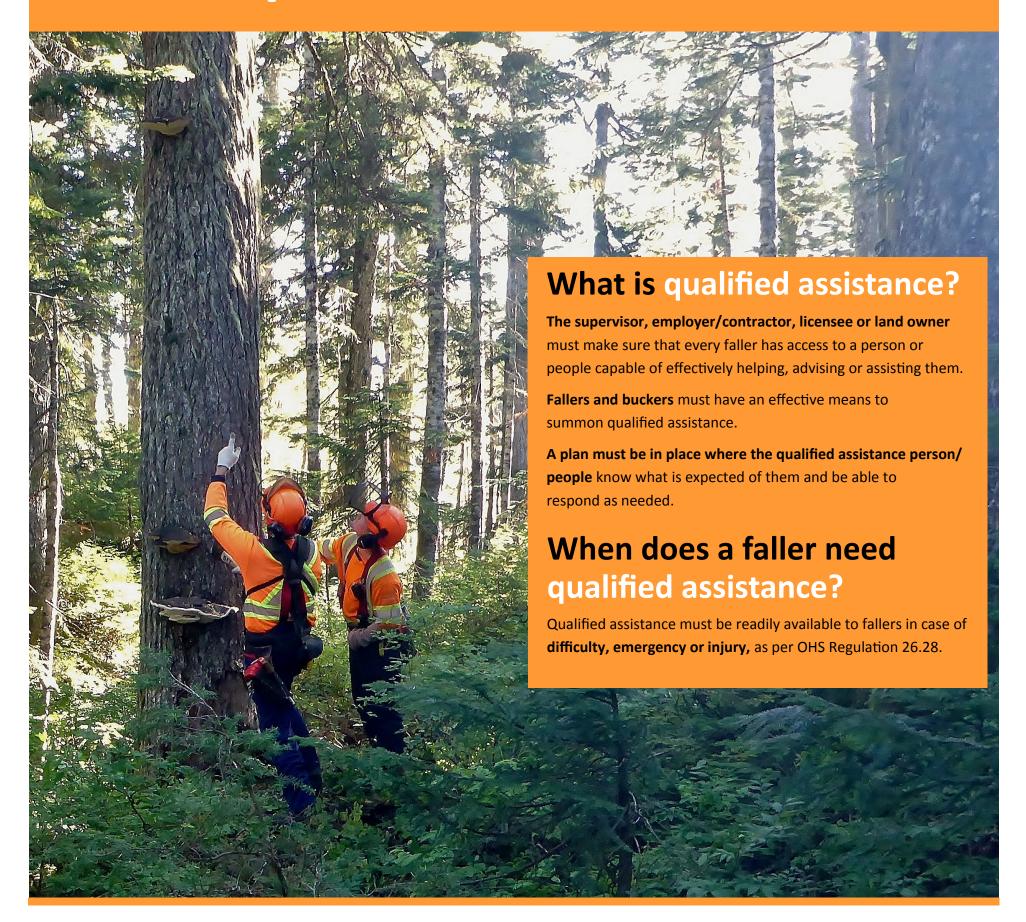
All fallers MUST have qualified assistance



A falling difficulty – no urgent action required e.g. a faller is unsure about how best to handle a hazard tree.

The faller has the opportunity to create a no-work zone until qualified assistance is available.

An emergency – urgent action required e.g. a faller is pinned under a log. Qualified assistance could mean machine assist if appropriate or someone who has the skills and PPE to immediately assist and buck him out.

An injury – must have basic first aid coverage readily available to all fallers within a surface travel time (walking) of not more than 10 minutes. OHS Regulation, section 3.18(2).

Bottomline: The supervisor, employer/contractor, licensee or land owner must be able to prove that they have provided the necessary, qualified assistance to comply with the regulation. Still not sure? Call a falling safety advisor at the BC Forest Safety Council at 1.877.741.1060 or call a safety officer at WorkSafeBC at 1.888.621.7233.



