



# FTAC SAFETY ALERT



## Danger Tree Assessment

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The past two years (2023–2025) have seen a troubling rise in serious injuries and fatalities in forestry, oil and gas, and wildfire industries across British Columbia. Effective, qualified Danger Tree Assessments are vital to protect workers and prevent tragedies.

This alert addresses the urgent need to identify and mitigate hazards from danger trees, those that pose immediate or potential risks due to structural instability, fire hazards or other environmental factors.

Hazards of danger trees include struck-by incidents from falling trees and fire-related dangers exacerbated by extreme weather.

### Importance of Qualified Assessments

- Only certified professionals should address danger trees, ensuring accurate identification of risks such as root rot, lean, cracks or fire damage.
- Proper assessments prevent injuries by determining the hazards posed, effective communication of those hazards, safe felling zones, avoiding unstable trees and planning safe work areas.
- Qualified assessors use tools and training to evaluate tree stability, utilizing effective methods of communication and management strategies to protect workers.



### Suggested Actions for Workers

- Report any suspected danger trees to your supervisor immediately.
- Avoid working near trees with visible damage, lean or fire exposure until assessed and managed.
- Consider taking the free Danger Tree Awareness training course offered by the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC).



<https://www.bcforestsafes.org/introduction-to-dangerous-trees-on-forestry-worksites/>

For training or reporting concerns, contact BCFSC or WorkSafeBC.

The Falling Technical Advisory Committee encourages all BC forestry workers to prioritize safety through rigorous Danger Tree Assessments. Stay vigilant, stay trained and stay safe.

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