



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Tree Trimming & Removal

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- 1)** What are the hazards involved with tree trimming and removal?
  - a. Electrical hazards
  - b. Overhead hazards
  - c. Machinery hazards
  
- 2)** What hazards should you look for prior to tree trimming or tree removal?
  - a. Power lines
  - b. Weather
  - c. The immediate area
  - d. Limbs
  - e. Saw maintenance
  
- 3)** What safe practices should be used when tree trimming or removing a tree?
  - a. Assume all power lines are energized; contact the utility company to discuss de-energizing and grounding or shielding power lines
  - b. Never work without a second trimmer in range of your voice
  - c. Know and maintain the proper minimum approach distances when working around energized power lines
  - d. Use extreme caution when moving ladders and equipment around downed trees and power lines
  - e. Watch for and do not work in dangerous weather conditions
  - f. Before working, perform a hazard assessment of the work area
  - g. Never turn your back on a falling tree
  - h. Be alert and avoid objects thrown back by a tree as it falls
  - i. Use personal protective equipment such as gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, hearing protection, etc., as recommended in the manufacture's operating manual
  - j. Determine the proper amount of hinge wood needed to safely guide the tree's fall, and plan a retreat path to a safe location
  - k. When working at an elevation, use appropriate fall protection
  
- 4)** Do we have any ladders in need of repair? Do we inspect them prior to each use?
- 5)** Does everyone have proper personal protection equipment?
- 6)** Does anyone have any suggestions to improve our safety?
- 7)** Has anyone had an accident or near-miss while cutting or trimming trees
- 8)** Can someone demonstrate and explain the three points of contact rule to be used while climbing?



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**Make Time for Safety, Everyday!** – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking 'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job, today!' But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. ***What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?***

***Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!***

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presented By:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendance Sheet
