



Toolbox Safety Talks

Tree Trimming & Removal

- 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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