

Avoiding “Struck-by” Injuries

Job Steps

Pruning and tree removal operations
Limbing, bucking
Brush removal, chipping, and stump grinding

Potential Hazards

Falling tree, limb, branch, hanger, or hand tools
Spring poles
Branches under tension

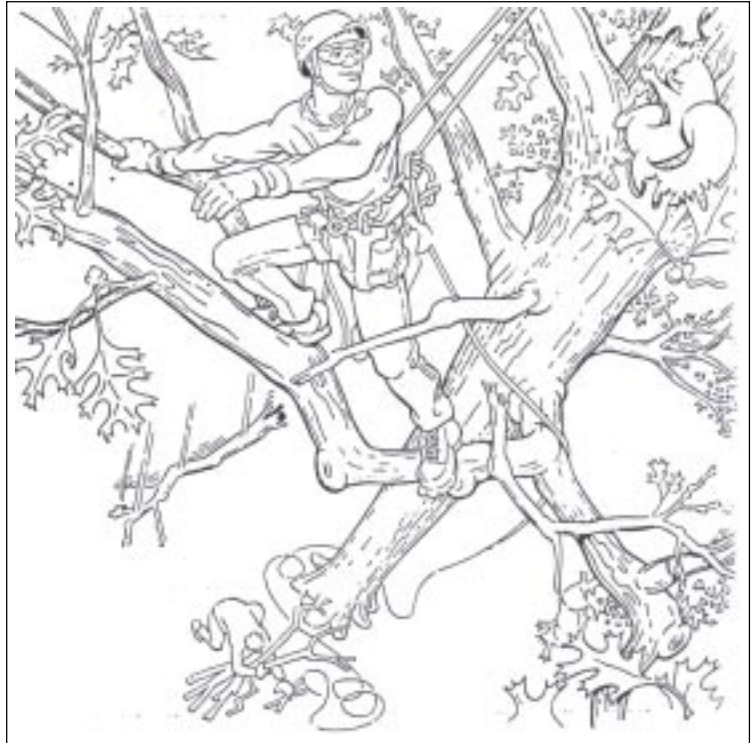
Action Steps

1. When working on the ground:

- ◆ Always wear personal protective equipment, especially your helmet.
- ◆ Always be aware of the climbers activities.
- ◆ Always consider that a climber may accidentally drop a limb, branch, hanger, or hand tool at any time.
- ◆ When possible, coordinate ground operations with climbing operations.
- ◆ Always communicate your presence under the canopy to climbers.
- ◆ Always be wary of limbs or branches under tension when limbing.

2. When working aloft:

- ◆ be aware of ground worker activity;
- ◆ be aware of other climbers' activity;
- ◆ always wear personal protective equipment;



- ◆ when more than one climber is in a tree, work on different sides of the tree;
- ◆ when necessary, give verbal warnings, such as “timber” or “headache” before dropping a limb or branch;
- ◆ always place your handsaw in a saddle scabbard, when you are not using it.

3. When removing a tree:

- ◆ be certain all personnel are out of range of the tree;
- ◆ always give a verbal warning before commencing the back cut.

PPE advised for this job function:

