

Topic: Danger Trees

Danger Trees are potential hazards to people and property. Many indicators are used by Arborists to identify trees that may fail, but we can all be more aware of the warning signs.

Watch for trees that are **diseased**, **dead**, that **lean unnaturally** or those with badly **exposed roots**. Trees with **severe cracks**, or **cracks near a fork** in the tree can also be very dangerous. Trees with very large **wounds** or **cankers** are at risk of failing, as are trees with dead or dying branches.

If there is a tree that matches any of these conditions, that is close enough and tall enough to strike people, equipment or property, then it could be a Danger Tree. If the tree is on municipal property, or not on municipal property but could pose a hazard to you on your worksite, contact a Certified Arborist who will be able to make the final determination on the health and safety of the tree.

Unhealthy trees **near Utilities** are extremely dangerous. Contact BC Hydro to have the tree assessed and removed.

Some weather conditions can make trees more dangerous than usual: high winds, heavy snow and freezing rain can snap limbs or trunks. Drought conditions can weaken branches and trees. Falling branches can be deadly!

We have a duty to be aware of hazards, and take precautions against them.

If the tree is close to power lines, call BC Hydro at 1-800-224-9376.

In an emergency, call BC Hydro at +1 (888) 769-3766.

