



Felling Incident = Hazard Alert

What Happened

The faller had completed his scarf and wing cuts and started on the backcut when he felt the tree put weight on his bar which quickly jammed. He realised the tree was starting to go and quickly retreated up his escape route. The tree fell sideways in an unintended direction and crushed the worker's saw.



The Hazard

A branch was growing out of the base of the tree. It wasn't obvious during the faller's tree assessment that it was ingrown to the centre of the tree. This had created a large hollow resin pocket which caused the tree to pull towards the holding wood and fall sideways.

Ensure Each Individual Tree is Assessed for Hazards!