

# PARKS & CONSERVATION SERVICES (PCS)

## SAFETY ALERT 22/2018

Issued 08/08/2018

FOR ACTION BY: PCS Managers and Supervisors  
FOR ADVICE TO: All PCS Workers

## FALLING TREES & LIMBS



### ISSUE:

We are experiencing an extended dry period which is likely to continue into the medium term. Extended dry periods are known to impact the integrity of trees especially older eucalyptus and they can drop limbs or even fall over at any time and without warning. There has been numerous reports of this occurring both from staff, volunteers and visitors and the upcoming windy period associated with early spring means an increased level of risk to all PCS staff, contractors and volunteers when working in the field.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

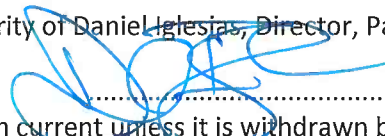
- Undertake a dynamic hazard assessment: consider overhead hazards take a good look up into the canopy note areas where there are a number of fallen trees, this could indicate a particularly dry patch – avoid moving through these areas.
- Consider immediate environmental factors and ask yourself -do I need to be undertaking the work, especially if it is windy?
- Have access to a hard hat in the vehicle at all times and wear it when out of the vehicle in wooded areas.
- Report any hazardous trees so they can be managed and relevant PCS staff are aware..

### ACTIONS REQUIRED:

- This Alert should be prominently posted on PCS Safety Notice Boards.
- Discussed at the next staff meeting and PCS WHSCOM.
- Persons in control of a workplace are required to maintain a register, recording name and signatures of staff reading and acknowledging the content and directions.
- On completion, please scan and e-mail a copy of the acknowledgement form to [EPSDDWHS@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDWHS@act.gov.au) for noting.

### SAFETY ALERT RELEASE INFORMATION:

Released with the authority of Daniel Iglesias, Director, Parks & Conservation Service

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- This Alert will remain current unless it is withdrawn by the Director or superseded by a PCS Safety Policy.