

Tree falling plan checklist

FALLING PLAN								
Forest:	Compartment/skid:	Start date:	Supplier:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of the falling map (marking work areas, risks, falling/extraction direction, boundaries, historical sites, SNAs, roads)								
Falling plan: <input type="checkbox"/> Extraction direction <input type="checkbox"/> Felling direction <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult areas <input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe areas to be left <input type="checkbox"/> Stream classes <input type="checkbox"/> Road control <input type="checkbox"/> 2 tree lengths rule in place Mean tree height (MTH) M MTH x 2 M	Falling methods: <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanised <input type="checkbox"/> Manual – machine assisted <input type="checkbox"/> Wind strength to stop work – refer to wind chart or Bad Weather safety card which can be found on www.safetree.nz Five-step falling plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site assessment Individual tree assessment Preparation of the work area and escape route Fall the tree using safe felling techniques Retreat and observe. 	Communication: <input type="checkbox"/> Check-in frequency <input type="checkbox"/> Check-in with <input type="checkbox"/> Person available for assistance, and a second person <input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation plan for bad weather, including a meeting point						
The faller must obey the two tree length rule, ensuring no people, working ropes or plant without appropriate protective structures are within that distance. No one will enter the falling area without communicating with the faller and without their permission.								
Description of plan/instructions to fallers:								
Risks: Mark on map and discuss specific dangers and controls. Include at least two controls to effectively eliminate or minimise each risk.								
Risk	Control							
Situations change – this plan should be reviewed daily to make sure all controls are still adequate and no new risks have developed.								
Faller's name	Skills/training					Supervision frequency (per day/week)		
	Trainee – 17766 / 28560	Competent – 17765 / 28561	Professional faller – certified	Wind throw module – 19765	Wind throw module – 1270	Visual checks – close supervision required	Documented observation (use observation checklist)	Refresher training required (such as for wind throw, hazardous trees, difficult situations, etc)
Plan agreed:	Foreman:				Faller:		Date:	
	Supervisor:				Faller:		Date:	
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