

Working in bad weather

Stop work if:

- The wind is blowing things off the trees or around
- Wind and very wet soil make trees unstable
- There's heavy rain and/or you don't have the right clothes

Fresh winds



30 – 39 km/h

Small trees sway

Strong winds



40 – 50 km/h

Large branches move, whistling in wires

Near gale

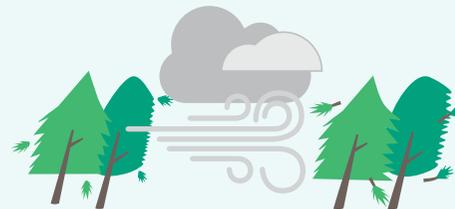


51 – 62 km/h

Whole trees move, quite hard to walk against wind

STOP WORK – DO SOMETHING ELSE

Gale



63 – 75 km/h

Twigs break off trees, very hard to walk against wind

76 – 87 km/h

Larger branches break off, some structural damage happens

STOP WORK – DO SOMETHING ELSE

Storm



88 – 102 km/h

Trees uprooted, a lot structural damage

Above 103 km/h

Very rarely seen – widespread damage

NO FOREST WORK

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If the weather conditions become too bad – too rainy, cold or windy – you must stop work and/or find another task to do. Contact your foreman about stopping work when:

The wind is blowing things off the trees or around

- The wind is bending the trees.
- Debris is being blown down.
- You can't walk against the wind.

Wind plus soil conditions make it unsafe

- If it's too wet, poorly rooted or non-windfirm trees can become unstable.

Other weather conditions make it unsafe

- Heavy rain stops you looking up to check for tree movement or debris in the tops.
- You don't have the right gear (wind/waterproof) to keep you warm and dry while working.

REMEMBER TO KEEP IN TOUCH – Always check in with others if you're working in bad weather as the chance of injury is higher than usual.

BAD WEATHER CAN MAKE GETTING TO WORK DANGEROUS TOO – If you don't think you can get to work safely, check in with your foreman.