

Landscaping – Working with Hand Tools

Fatality File



Groundskeeper Killed by Falling Tree Limb During Routine Maintenance

In a tragic incident, a school groundskeeper lost his life while performing routine landscaping duties involving hand tools. While pruning trees on the school premises, a large limb unexpectedly broke loose, striking him and causing fatal injuries. Despite the immediate emergency response, he was pronounced dead at the scene.□

This incident underscores the inherent risks associated with landscaping tasks, even when using non-powered hand tools. Proper training, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and adherence to safety protocols are crucial to prevent such tragedies.□

Employers must ensure that all landscaping staff are adequately trained in hazard recognition and safe work practices. Regular safety audits and risk assessments can help identify potential dangers, ensuring a safer working environment for all.

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