Always use proper personal protective equipment as recommended by the manufacturer’s operating manual, including eye, face, head, hand, and foot protection.

Broken or hanging branches, attached vines, or a dead tree that is leaning. All of these hazards can cause an injury.

If you have to cut a dead tree, be careful. The top could break off.

If the tree is broken and under pressure, make sure you know which way the pressure is going. If not sure, make small cuts to release some of the pressure before cutting up the section.

Be careful of young trees that other trees have fallen against. They act likes spring poles and can propel back. (Many professional loggers have been hurt in this manner.)

A tree may have not fallen completely to the ground and be lodged against another tree. Extreme care must be taken to safely bring the trees to the ground.

If possible, avoid felling into other trees or objects. Don’t turn your back on the tree as it falls, and hide behind a standing tree if possible.

As trees fall through other trees or objects, branches and objects may get thrown back towards logger.

More people are killed while felling trees than during any other logging activity. These accidents CAN be avoided!