

Communication with Cutters

Entering or working in an active timber falling area without a way to communicate with cutters is dangerous!

Timber cutter concerns include:

- Foresters going around timber falling signs to talk to cutters.
- Cutters working near logging operations without a way to communicate.



Inform cutters before entering a timber falling area



Operate machines two tree lengths from cutters

Lack of communication puts everyone at risk!

Recommendations

- Anyone that needs to approach cutters, and operators working in the vicinity of cutters, should carry a two-way radio, know the channel the cutters are using, and have spare batteries.
- Landowners should train field staff on how to safely approach logging operations.

Requirements

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(3) Cutters must be informed of the movement and location of other employees placed, passing, or approaching the vicinity of trees being fell.

(5) While manual falling is in progress, all logging machines must be operated at least two lengths away from trees being manually fell.

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