



Zero Harm Hazard Alert

Strong Winds and Aerial Hazards

VicForests has experienced increasing reports of wind related damage to vehicles and near misses from aerial hazards. It is timely to remind all staff and contractors of the increased risk in the forest when windy conditions exist.

The risk from aerial hazards and wind blown trees is higher during this time of year. The period between now and the beginning of summer is historically a time of increased wind storms.

VicForests staff are reminded to refer to Job Safety Analysis for foot based work which has prescriptions about wind speeds and Site Safety Surveys should be used when visiting the forest on windy days or after a wind event.

Staff and contractors are to be mindful that strong and gusty winds are even more dangerous in a forest that is known to be damaged by fire, disease or insect infestation.

Contractors who have been in recess need to be mindful of potential increase in forest hazards due to recent wind events.

