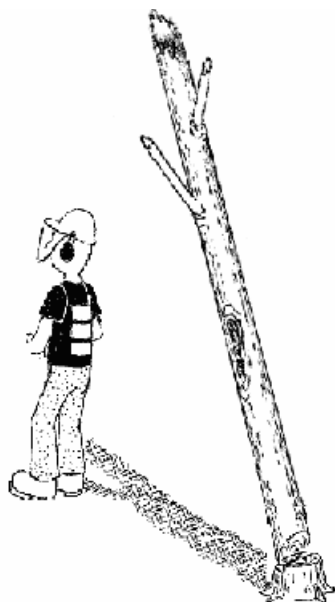


Breaking Out – Serious Harm!

An incident involving a Tree Faller and a Breaker-out left a Contractor hospitalised and nursing a number of painful fractures! The incident occurred in moderate terrain where a three-man ground based harvesting (skidder) crew were working. Why did this incident occur?

FIPS # 1806 Lost Time Injury (20 days)

A Contractor, breaking out among wind blow and spars, was hit in the back by a cut-up spar as he concentrated on breaking out. He knew about the cut-up spar.



1. Management of a significant hazard (E.I.M.)

Whilst a set of verbal instructions i.e. for the management of standing spars, is a good back-up, an effective **isolation** system (marking or cordon) shall be used.

2. A temporary loss of focus/concentration

Not fully concentrating on the task may result in distraction and therefore an inability to conduct work in the right order. The primary goal of the operation is – **Eliminate** all hazards first.