

SAFETY NOTICE

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A recent accident has resulted in a forwarder driver suffering a cut to his head and a broken foot. These injuries were as a result of him being hit by a tree being felled by the harvester driver. He was outside of his cab at the time and the felled tree had fallen in the wrong direction due to it becoming entangled in another tree.

Why did these injuries occur?

One reason alone. The forwarder and harvester were working within each other's risk zone. The felled tree would still have fallen in the wrong direction, but it wouldn't have struck anyone.

A risk zone is exactly as it says on the label. It is the area where you are at risk of injury or worse.

Sites must be planned with risk zones in mind when setting out work. Safety notices have been issued in the past relating to issues with risk zones. Please take this as another reminder about the dangers you put yourselves in by ignoring this guidance.

Work safe, keep safe, go home safe and sound every day.