



Zero Fatalities
 Zero Lost Time
 Zero Road/Speed Incidents
 Zero Environmental Incidents
 Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 10

Date: 26 April 2019	Focus Group: Felling – Waste Thinning
Topic: Slips, Trips, Falls onto Sharp Objects!	Issued by: Nic Steens

Incident: A worker had finished thinning a tree with his chainsaw and on retreating stumbled into a concealed hole. He slipped and fell backwards down a bank and was struck on the left top side of his head – possibly by the chainsaw or a sharp stake.

Injury Details: The worker sustained a minor laceration that required stitches – MTI.

Risk Awareness: Tripping hazards are commonplace for all manual tree fellers especially those in thinning operations where undergrowth is thick, holes concealed and the ground mostly wet. Workers need to be conscious of downstream hazards that they could fall in to or on to and avoid creating such hazards in their work area.

Safe Behaviour: Carefully review your escape route and choose a pathway that can be seen clearly. If the undergrowth needs trimming/clearing, try not to create spiked points or leave tripping hazards. Consider where you might end up in a fall and what would be the safest place to cast your chainsaw and/or other equipment. Follow the contour of the hill and work at a steady pace. Wear sturdy footwear with good ankle support and spikes. Ensure that you wear a [strapped helmet](#) that will stay on and protect your head if you tumble.

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