

TREE SAFETY

Scouting adventures thrive in the great outdoors—along trails, at campsites, deep in forests, and beneath the shelter of towering trees. Nature offers an ideal setting for learning, exploration, and leadership, but it also brings inherent risks. One of the most often overlooked, yet potentially life-threatening, hazards is the presence of hazardous trees.

Each year, falling trees and limbs cause serious injuries, fatalities, and significant property damage. In Scouting, where youth and adults spend extended time in wooded environments, recognizing and managing tree hazards isn't just good practice, it's a critical component of safety.

See the guidance in this article: <https://scoutingwire.org/hazardous-trees-in-scouting/>.

For additional information, review the new resource from the National Conservation Subcommittee on: [Recognizing and Mitigating Hazard Trees](#).

Resources:

[SAFE Checklist Hazard](#)

[Tree Safety Moment](#)

[Campsite Safety and Hazard Trees Trail to Adventure Blog](#)

[Guide to Safe Scouting Camping](#)