

All Fallers MUST have Qualified Assistance



A Falling Difficulty

No urgent action required e.g. a faller is unsure about how best to handle a hazard tree. The Faller has the opportunity to create a no-work zone until Qualified Assistance is available.

An Emergency

Urgent action required e.g. a faller is pinned under a log. Qualified Assistance could mean machine assist if appropriate or someone who has the skills and PPE to immediately assist and buck him out.

An Injury

Must have basic first aid coverage readily available to all fallers within a surface travel time (walking) of not more than 10 minutes. OHS Regulation – Section 3.18(2).

Bottomline: The supervisor, employer/contractor, licensee or land owner must be able to prove that they have provided the necessary, Qualified Assistance to comply with the regulation.

Still not sure? Call a Safety Officer at WorkSafeBC at 1.888.621.7233



What is Qualified Assistance?

The supervisor, employer/contractor, licensee or land owner must make sure that every faller has access to a person or people capable of effectively helping, advising or assisting them.

Faller and buckers must have an effective means to summon qualified assistance.

A plan must be in place where the qualified assistance person/people know what is expected of them and be able to respond as needed.

When does a faller need Qualified Assistance?

Qualified Assistance must be readily available to fallers in case of difficulty, emergency or injury, as per OHS Regulation 26.28

Other Resources on Qualified Assistance – www.bcforestsafes.org/QA, WorkSafeBC – www.worksafebc.com G26.28
Summoning qualified assistance