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When might a tree be dangerous?

**Trees with the highest risk
are the easiest to spot**

Be watchful after storms

When a tree has a risk that might not be Acceptable or Tolerable, it'll usually have an obvious tree risk feature you can't help but notice. If you come across a tree with anything like these obvious features, it should be looked at by an Arborist (tree expert) who's been trained in tree risk assessment.

1.1 Root failure

**Storms can break tree roots
without blowing them over**

Signs to look out for are

**Change in angle of the trunk
Large cracks in the soil
Hump in the ground on one side**

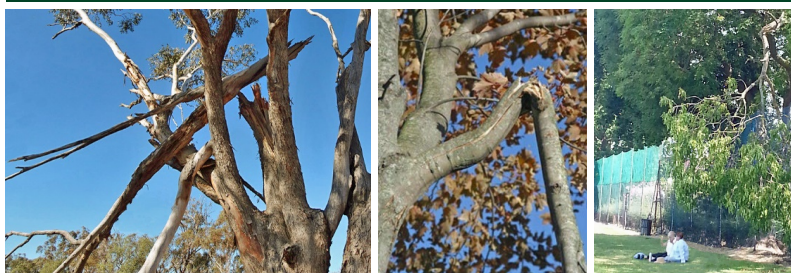


1.2 Hanging branches

Don't forget to look up

**Branches can break during storms
and still hang on**

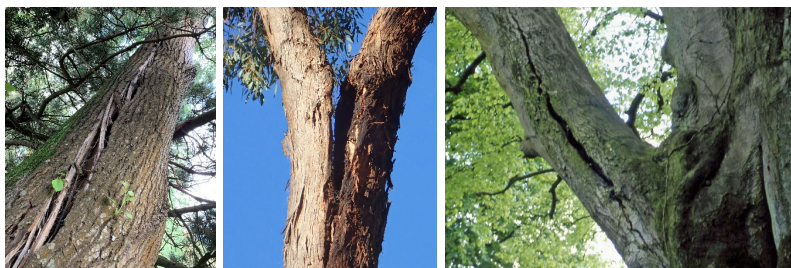
**Sometimes they can get stuck
up there for quite a while**



1.3 A crack or split into the wood, beyond the bark

**When trees bend and twist in storms
the wood can split and crack**

**Vertical cracks in the bark
are just the tree growing well
there's no need to worry**



1.4 Decline & death

**To stay healthy and strong trees
need 'solar panel' leaves to make food**

**When trees suffer they often have much
less leaf cover and many dead branches**

**Standing dead trees have great
habitat benefits but need checking**



1.5 Decay fungi fruiting bodies

**To decay fungi these 'fruits' are
like apples to an apple tree**

**Decay fungi and trees mostly
live happily together creating
essential habitat for wildlife**

**Fungi can sometimes 'eat' too
much wood and weaken the tree**

