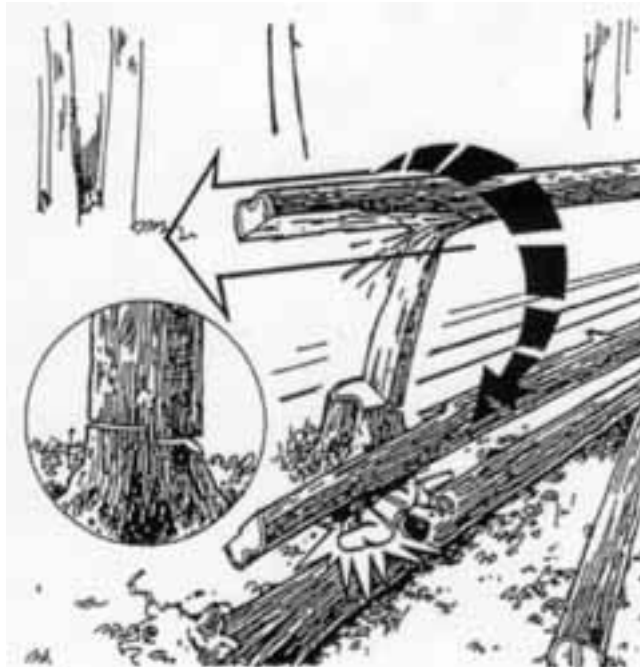


Improper Undercut Causes Fatality

A faller with 20 years experience was recently killed in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The faller was falling a 1 m diameter by approximately 30 m high cedar. He made a small 12 cm x 12 cm undercut, leaving a lip the full width of the stump. The undercut was aimed at standing cedar and hemlock trees,



approximately 7 m away. Suddenly, the cedar barberchaired. It broke off and pinned the faller against a windfall with his powersaw underneath him. He later died from the crushing injuries he suffered. An escape route was not planned or brushed out.

Employers:

You must provide written safe work procedures for workers under your direction and control. These procedures must ensure that work is performed without undue risk.

Supervisors:

You must ensure that workers under your direction and control have been trained, understand and follow safe work procedures.

Workers:

You must follow safe work procedures at all times. To ensure that the tree falls properly you must make the proper undercut. You must ensure escape routes are planned and brushed out.

Refer to section 118(3) and (4) of the General Safety Regulations.

Call Occupational Health and Safety at 667-5450 for further information.

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