

When might a tree be dangerous?

Trees with the highest risk are the easiest to find

When a tree has a risk that might not be Acceptable or Tolerable, it'll often have an Obvious Tree Risk Feature that you can't help but notice. If our staff come across a tree, or the public report one, with any of these obvious features in a well-used area, we'll get a **Validator** to have a closer look.

Root failure

Be watchful after storms

Storms can break tree roots without blowing them over

Telltale signs are
Change in angle of the trunk
Large cracks in the soil
Hump in the ground on one side



Hanging branches

Don't forget to look up

Branches can break during storms and still hang on

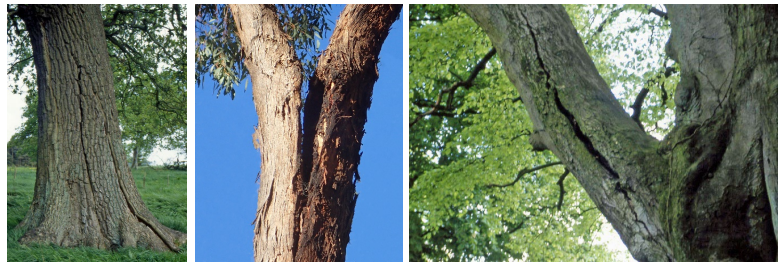
Sometimes they can get stuck up there for quite a while



A crack or split into the wood, beyond the bark

When trees bend and twist the wood can split and crack

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



Advanced decline or death

To be healthy and stay strong trees need 'solar panel' leaves to make food and new rings of wood

When trees are suffering there's often much less leaf cover and many more dead branches

Standing dead trees have great habitat benefits but need checking



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



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