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Never attempt a tree drive unless you are trained, skilled and experienced, and you have told someone you are doing it.

Consider all other options before a tree drive

- Call in machine assistance.
- Call in a more experienced faller.
- Leave the tree standing.

If a tree drive is the only option, follow the ACoP rules

- Tell someone you're doing a tree drive (your check-in person needs to know you're doing a particularly dangerous task) and when you have finished it safely.
- Call up a competent tree falling observer if a one-onto-two tree drive doesn't work. Stop falling until they arrive and can agree on a plan.
- Insert a wedge in the back cut of the driven tree – have at least two with you that you can use on the driver tree.

Follow the plan

- Use the right tree – make sure your driving tree is the right condition, size, weight and distance from the tree that needs to be driven.
- Know how you are going to escape when it starts to move – make sure your escape route is clear before you start the drive.
- Keep looking up – regularly stop work and look up to see if anything is moving above you.
- Always use the right cuts and know when there's the right amount of hinge wood and it's time to stop cutting.