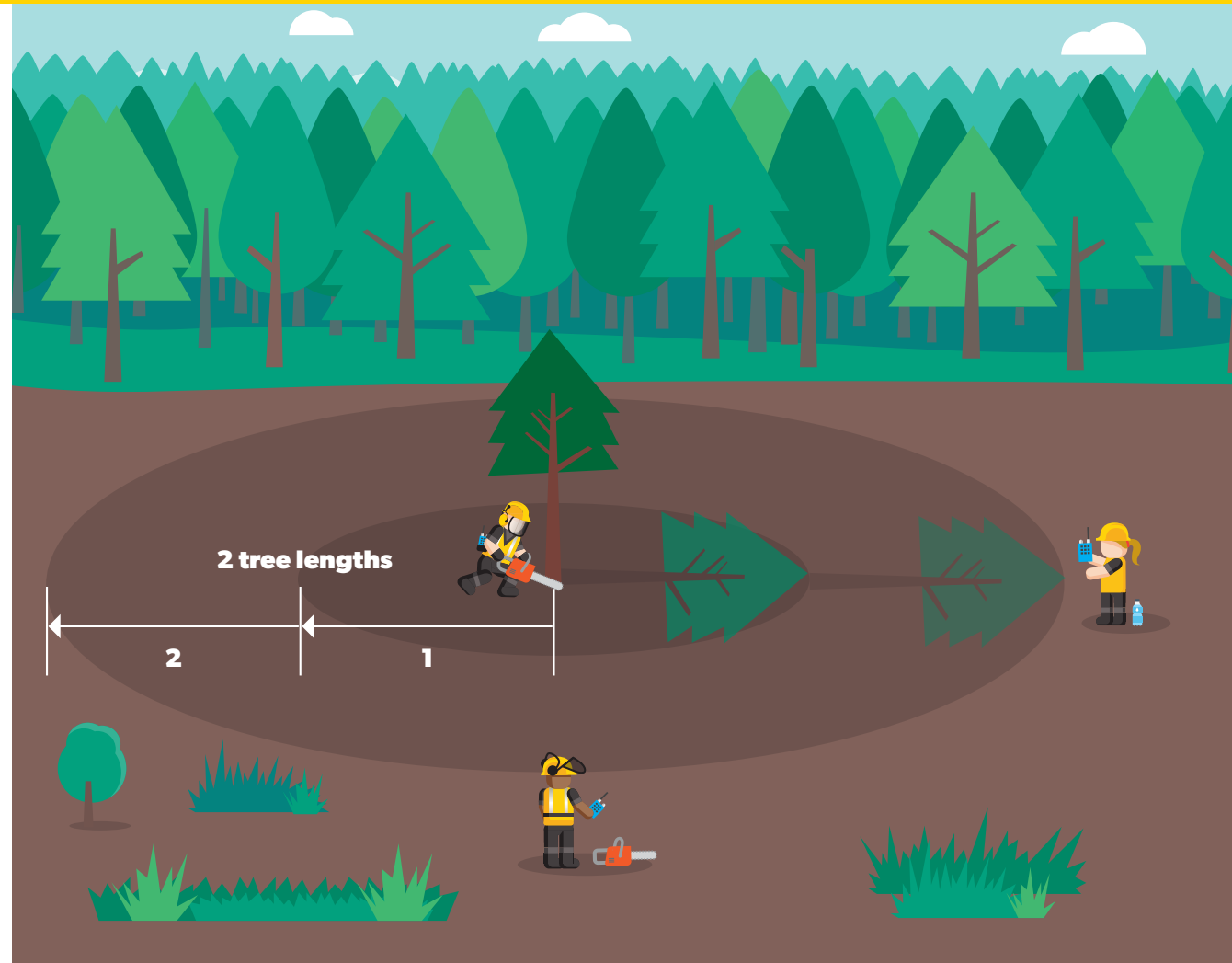


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The two tree length rule is about keeping everyone safe during the operation, as it creates a safety zone right around the tree being felled or thinned.

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- In case something falls from the tree.
- The tree falls in the wrong direction.
- Or the tree falls onto another tree and they both come down.

Two tree lengths is a minimum – it can be increased

- When felling on a steep slope.
- If two trees are being felled together (tree driving).
- If for any reason the faller/thinner or foreman says it must be increased.

The faller can authorise some people to come closer

- A supervisor, observer, auditor or trainer, or someone being trained.
- A machine operator assisting with felling or thinning – so long as the cab has the right guards and safety features, and the operator stays in the cab and can communicate with the faller and/or observer.
- The faller or thinner runs the operation and nothing happens without their OK.

The faller or thinner has total responsibility for the zone – no-one can come into that safety zone without their permission.