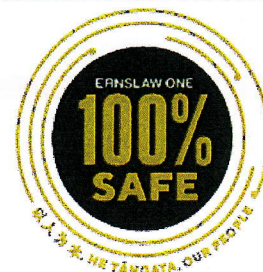


SAFETY ALERT



Ute Crushed During High Winds

This time of the year we often get high winds (100+km/hr) from the west across the country. Recently these winds were forecast, though the morning started off fine and calm. A contractor doing land preparation had parked his vehicle in what he thought was a safe location when he started work.

By lunchtime the weather quickly changed to extremely strong winds and a double leader tree in the stand on the opposite side of the road came down onto the contractor's ute. Luckily no one was hurt, but the vehicle was left a little battered.



Things to consider:

- Spring weather can be unpredictable – prepare for all conditions.
- Check the forecast to ensure that a change in weather isn't going to mean you get caught out.
- Will your Safe Zones still be safe in windier conditions?
- If wind is strong enough for whole trees to be in motion, or it is hard to walk against the wind, work in or near standing trees must cease and move to an area where either: the wind is less strong or; there is open ground at least 2 tree lengths from standing trees and other overhead hazards.

Stop work and leave the forest if conditions are no longer safe