

Case Study



Fatality

The risk of being killed by a falling tree is less than 1 in 10,000,000. It does, however, happen. Such cases require extreme sensitivity and the utmost attention to detail. This assists the courts and most importantly, the bereaved family who want answers.

Evidence

All too often the tree is immediately removed and crucial evidence is lost. Our advice is to retain as much of the tree as possible.

Decay

We have been instructed on a number of tree failure fatality cases and in every one of them there was significant decay in the tree prior to the event. This does not mean the tree was dead, but it does mean that there was a structural defect that contributed significantly to the fatality.

Civil Procedure Rule Reporting

We inspect all remaining sections of the tree and gather samples for fungal culturing if appropriate. We combine this with other data such as weather records and previous inspections. We then compile a succinct, fact based CPR compliant report and support this with clear evidence to the coroner inquest if required.