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# PROPER TREE CUTTING PROCEDURES



## Before you begin

- Work platform must be in excellent condition
- Make sure all special accessories are in good shape (e.g. work cage safety divider and protective moulding)
- Tree cutting assignments should only be carried out while wearing appropriate protective clothing/equipment. Always wear a vest with body belt to maximize safety in the work cage.



## Choosing the right location

- Use outrigger pads for safe positioning and properly secure the work area
- Always keep a safe distance between the work platform and overhead power lines





## Boom movements and improper work methods:

- The boom should only be operated in clearly visible, unobstructed conditions. Safety device detection depends on safe positioning/operation. Branches can break upon impact.

### There is a toppling hazard!



**Bumping into branches is strictly prohibited and must be avoided at all times.**



**Pushing away branches is prohibited!**

- In the event that the cage or boom accidentally collides with a tree or branch, it is imperative that the work platform, cage control panel, support mechanism, etc. undergoes a thorough inspection by an accredited expert to check for possible damage. Collisions with obstacles greatly increase the risk of damage-related accidents.



**The boom must never come in contact with the tree trunk or branches!**



- Work can only resume once the work platform has been inspected and/or repaired.



**Never climb into the tree from the work platform!**



- Tree trunks and branches must never be allowed to fall onto any part of the work platform. The impact could seriously damage key functional components. Workers/ pedestrians below could also sustain life-threatening injuries.



- Branches and trunk pieces must not be placed inside the work cage nor pulled or crushed with the work platform. Components could be damaged and there is a risk that work platform could tip over.



## Visual inspection after successful completion

To check for subsequent damage, the work platform must undergo a visual inspection when the job is done. If previously unnoticed scratches and dents are detected, the work platform must be thoroughly inspected by a qualified expert.



**After tree cutting assignments, sawdust and wood shavings must be removed. All moving parts must be cleaned immediately.**

Accumulated sawdust in the boom system must be carefully removed by authorized personnel.



Cleaning boom system with high pressure air compressor!

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The improper use of work platforms on tree cutting assignments poses a risk to both man and machinery.

## **IMPORTANT:**

- If defects are detected that jeopardize operational safety, the work platform cannot be utilized. Operators not only compromise their own safety but also the safety of those working in close proximity.
- All defects must be reported to the operator/owner immediately.
- Do not attempt to repair the defects yourself. Repair work must be carried out by authorized and trained personnel only.
- The work platform cannot be put into operation until the necessary repairs have been made.

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