

# **SAFETY ALERT**

**Category: SERIOUS INJURY**

**Description: SEVERE WIND INCIDENT**

## **What happened?**

Extreme winds – upwards of 100 km hour – swept through a bush camp with minimal forewarning. Wind brought down multiple standing mature trees, one of which impacted a worker during attempt to exit personal tent. Worker suffered ankle fracture.

## **Why did it happen?**

1. Wind event was not the result of actions on the part of workers or management.
2. Injury occurred because of personal tent proximity to standing mature timber.

## **Recommendations to mitigate similar incidents:**

1. Review Wind evacuation SWP with crew and Wildlife/Danger Tree (WDT) Hazard Assessment with forepersons for all forested campsites.
2. Ensure your WDT Assessor assesses campsite to Level of Disturbance level 3 activity. When in doubt, bring in additional Wildlife/Danger Tree assessment expertise and/or a certified faller.
3. Ensure crewlist, camp map with all tent sites, and map of campsite location are posted on Safety Board in mess tent and Office.
4. Establish camp muster point at least 2 x tree lengths from any standing timber.
5. Consolidate all tents within a Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessed designated safe camping area and eliminate tent sites which may be out of range of muster signals.

**PLEASE POST THIS ON YOUR SAFETY BOARD  
and DISCUSS WITH ALL CREW MEMBERS**

**Picture of tree fallen on tent:**

