

**STANDARDS PRESENTATION
TO
CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD**

PROPOSED STATE STANDARD,
TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4

Amend Section 3427 to read:

§3427. Safe Work Procedures.

(a) Climbing and Access.

(1) Prior to climbing the tree, the tree shall be visually inspected by a qualified person who shall ~~to determine~~ and ensure use of the safest method of entry into the tree, ~~as described in this section.~~

(2) The location of all electrical conductors and equipment within the work area shall be identified in relation to the work being performed.

(2) (3) The climbing line must be crotched as soon as practicable after the employee is aloft, and a taut line-hitch tied and checked.

(3) (4) The climbing rope shall be passed around the main leader or a major upright branch of the tree as high as necessary using branches with a wide crotch to prevent any binding of the safety rope. The crotch selected for tying-in shall be over the work area as nearly as possible, but located in such a way that a slip or fall would not permit the employee to come in contact with any electrical conductor, equipment or other hazard. The rope shall be passed around the main leader or an upright branch, using a limb as a stop. Feet, hands, and ropes should, where possible, be kept out of tight-V-shaped crotches.

(4) (5) When working aloft, employees shall be required to wear tree workers' saddles and tie-in with an approved safety strap or rope.

(5) (6) Employees shall remain tied in until the work is completed and they have returned to the ground, unless it is necessary to recrotch.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.