



Recognizing Roadside Hazard Trees

30 Minute Presentation

15 Minute Q&A

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Description

Roadside trees provide a number of positive aspects, including aesthetics and environmental benefits. However, trees also bring concerns for road agencies. For example, in the United States, trees are the most frequently struck roadside fixed object. Roadside trees can also fall and strike road users. Or, they may fall onto the roadway and be struck by motor vehicles. Therefore, recognizing the potential for tree falls is of interest, from safety and liability perspectives, to road agency maintenance personnel at all levels of government.

In this flash webinar, a hazard tree is one with a structural defect creating the potential that the tree, or a significant part of it, will fail and fall onto the roadway. Visual cues for recognizing roadside trees of concern will be reviewed. The need for a systematic approach to inspection will also be discussed.

Audience

State and local road agency maintenance personnel, especially those with responsibility for vegetation management, should find this webinar beneficial.

Instructor

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Registration

There is no charge for this event, but pre-registration is required.

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