

SCENARIO: HOUSE STRUCK BY LARGE TREE

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Training article for discussion by your storm damage crews. Given the photos supplied in the article, print them out and discuss what you would do.

Scenario:

- Large tree has fallen collapsing sections of the house.
- The front balcony has collapsed onto a vehicle parked below.
- The entire house is now unstable on the concrete stumps.

Discussion:

- Will the tree be stable if left alone?
- What hazards can be seen in this picture?
- What would you do if people were still inside and unable to get out?
- How would you stabilise it?
- How heavy is the tree?
- Where are the compression and tension forces in the tree?
- How far do you go for emergency repairs?
- How would you remove the tree, if you plan to?

