



### **Safe Work Around Damaged Trees and Structures**

Storm damage often leaves trees, poles, and buildings under tremendous tension. Broken limbs, partially fallen trees, leaning poles, and damaged structures can shift or collapse without warning. Never assume a tree or pole is stable simply because it has stopped moving. Coordinate with qualified tree crews before working near damaged vegetation, maintain safe escape routes, and continually reassess changing conditions throughout the job. If something doesn't look right, stop and reevaluate before proceeding.

**Takeaway:** Storm-damaged structures and trees are unpredictable - keep your distance until hazards are controlled.