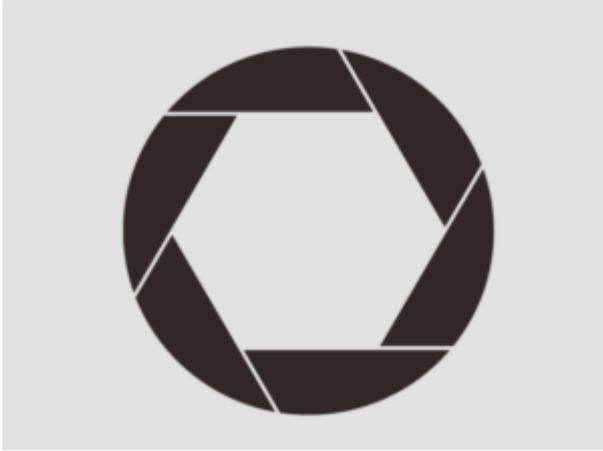


Working Safely with Ornamental Trees: Protecting Yourself, Your Team, and Your Trees Picture This





The worker is pruning an ornamental tree while standing on a branch and the top of a ladder, wearing flip-flops. This setup is extremely unsafe. There is no fall protection, the ladder is not properly secured, and the footwear offers no grip or protection. These conditions greatly increase the risk of falls, cuts, and serious injury.

Always use stable and properly positioned ladders or aerial lifts when working at height in trees. Wear non-slip, closed-toe footwear to ensure better traction and foot protection. For tasks above ground level, use fall protection equipment where required. Proper training in safe tree trimming techniques and ladder safety is also essential.