

Hazard tree assessment is an attempt to answer two questions:

1- *Should a tree be removed, as important structural defects make the tree unstable and a potential liability to the public agency?*

2- *Should a tree be pruned, as one or more parts are likely to fail and target would be hit, such as people, structures or other plants?*

Managers must ensure a reasonable level of safety on a public site. This "duty of care" has been confirmed through court jurisprudence.

Below is a copy of the "Danger Tree Assessor" certificate issued by *The Wildlife Tree Committee of British Columbia* in November 2001.

The program is administered by *The Wildlife Tree Committee*, a multi-agency committee formed in 1985. It is composed of representatives from the B.C. Ministry of Forests, the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, the Worker's Compensation Board, B.C. Hydro, industry, labour, and public interest groups.

Certification requires:

- Properly identifying dangerous trees;
- Assessing trees for potential wildlife habitat;
- Assessing trees for failure potential;
- Making appropriate safety decisions.

Also below is a copy of the "Certified Tree Risk Assessor" certificate issued by the ISA Pacific Northwest Chapter in July 2006.

Obtaining these certificates is an example of our efforts to remain up-to-date on the latest industry developments.



November 2001



# Certified Tree Risk Assessor

Mario Lanthier

Has successfully met the requirements of this course and is qualified to conduct Tree Risk Assessments in Urban and Urban/Rural interface areas of British Columbia.

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Chapter ISA

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Certificate Number 0009

Expiration Date July 2009

July 2006



October 2004