# Snag Retention Guide

A snag retention guide with steps for deciding which dead trees to keep for wildlife while managing safety around work areas, trails, and buildings and is free to print.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Identify standing dead trees
2. Check for hazards to people
3. Note signs of use by wildlife
4. Mark snags worth keeping
5. Remove only hazardous ones
6. Girdle or create snags if advised
7. Keep clear of buildings and trails
8. Plan safe tree work
9. Record snag locations

**YOUR NOTES**

**TIP** Hire a trained tree worker for any dangerous tree and follow safety rules for chainsaws.



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