

# Homeowners: Don't Get Hurt!

## Leave Tree Work to the Professionals

Serious injuries can occur during tree work. Especially dangerous are working with/near:

- ✓ Power lines
- ✓ Chainsaws
- ✓ Wood chippers
- ✓ Dead and diseased trees
- ✓ Storm-downed or damaged trees

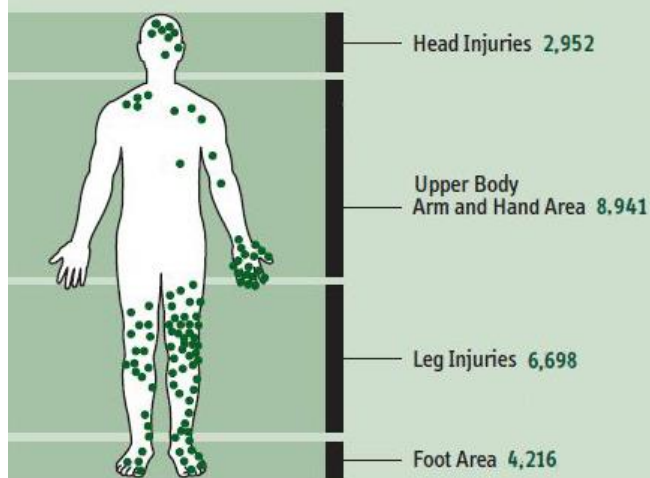


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## Why Be Concerned?

- Seasonal storms are becoming more frequent leaving trees and branches damaged and downed by ice or high winds
- Diseased trees, particularly ash trees infested with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), can pose a safety risk since affected branches break very easily
- Post-storm cleanup and property maintenance can lead to injuries even from commonly used equipment like chainsaws (see graph below)

Avg. No. of Chainsaw Injuries Per Year, U.S., 2009-2013



Graphic: Adapted from U.S. Product Safety Commission; Data: <http://bit.ly/2Fdtreh>

EAB-damaged Ash Tree



Learn about EAB at <http://bit.ly/2GX98nG>

## Why Hire a Licensed Tree Care Professional?

- They are trained to conduct tree work safely
- They know what to do in hazardous situations
- They handle and maintain equipment correctly

Find a New Jersey Licensed Tree Care Expert or Business in your County. Check before you hire to make sure that the business or individual is in compliance with the law.

Go to the NJ Board of Tree Experts website at: <http://njtreeexperts.org>

