

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses and Accidents



BLUE SHEET

Limb Strike

June 5, 2019

Fork Incident

19-CA-MEU-006683

19-CA-MEU-006700

California Northern Region

SUMMARY

On Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 12:15 PM, a CAL FIRE employee was injured during tree limbing and removal operations east of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County, California. While tending a lowering system, the branch used for rigging failed unexpectedly and broke away from the tree, falling a distance of approximately 80' onto the employee. The employee was transported by air ambulance to a trauma center and is being treated for serious injuries.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

No recommendations were identified within the first 12 hours of this incident.