

# What you should do when you see a tree being felled

1. **Ask the person cutting / pruning a tree for the permission letter** which should be authorised by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Bangalore Urban Div) only.
2. **If they do not possess a permission letter, then it is a case of illegal tree felling / pruning.** You must lodge a complaint with the concerned authorities. (See details on right)
3. **You can also call up ESG @ its helpline - Telephone 26534364 who will guide you on further action.** ESG will periodically gather this evidence and follow up with the Karnataka Forest Dept. for necessary legal action.
4. **Take down all details of the incident.**
5. **If the land is private property then please consult the list of trees which can be cut in private land and don't need permission**
6. **Mobilise and involve the media, concerned citizens and residents of the area and try to stop the vandalism till the concerned authorities reach the spot.**
7. **Always record what you witnessed by writing to the DFO (Deputy Conservator of Forest - Bangalore Urban, Aranya Bhawan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003)** and dispatch your letter under registered post, acknowledgement due. You could also send a copy to ESG for follow-up action.
8. **Remember that even if there is a permission letter, two tree saplings have to be planted before cutting the tree.** As a general rule the same procedure applies to all districts.
9. BMP can only remove dangerous trees that are "likely to fall" without permission of the forest department. Unwarranted felling should be immediately reported to the police and the forest department in writing.

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**Please note these numbers** of concerned authorities (hierarchically)

**For reporting illegal tree felling** contact

- District Forest Officer (Bangalore Urban Div) Office: Phone - 23343464 / Fax - 23344686 (Contact persons Sumana and Jagdish)
  - Range Forest Officer (Malleshwaram) - 23343543 (office) / 36766720 (Personal mobile of Mr Jeelani Pasha)
  - Range Forest Officer (Ulsoor) - 94480-82889
  - Range Forest Officer (BTM Layout) - 94482-01406
  - RFO Kaggalipura - Srinivas: 9448088811
  - RFO Bangalore North Range (Peenya to Hessarghatta, Mekhri Circle to Vidhana Soudha) - Chinappa: 9845210780
  - RFO Banashankari - Govindraj: 9845832690
  - Forest Mobile Squad Office - 23344672
- Other important Helplines in case of Tree fall:** BCC - 22221188 / 22975595 / 22210031 - 35. BESCOM - IVRS - 12660 / 22267118 / 22267119 / 22267180 (24 Hour customer complaint cell)