

WILDLIFE & PROTECTED AREAS

TREE PROTECTION

Trees and hedgerows provide a vitally important habitat for wildlife and many trees and hedgerows are protected by law.

It is illegal to cut down trees protected by law under a Tree Preservation Order or to grub up certain countryside hedges. During certain times of the year trees and hedgerows may contain nesting birds. Nesting birds are protected by law against disturbance under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Damaged trees may become unstable and potential hazards.



DON'T

- ✗ **DON'T** undertake tree felling or hedgerow clearance during the bird nesting season.
- ✗ **DON'T** undertake any works to, or near to, trees without authorisation from your manager.
- ✗ **DON'T** track vehicles or plant over tree protection areas.
- ✗ **DON'T** store materials, especially fuels and oils, under or near trees.



DO

- ✓ Check with your manager before felling any trees or removing any hedgerows.
- ✓ Clear only vegetation as instructed by your manager.
- ✓ Check for nesting birds and if any are found contact your manager immediately.
- ✓ Ask your manager what protection is required to trees and hedgerows.
- ✓ Check with your manager before excavating near to trees and hedgerows.
- ✓ Take photographs if there is any doubt.
- ✓ Remember the safe excavation zones:
 - **All Prohibited Zone**
(1 m from trunk)
 - **Precautionary Zone**
(4 x tree circumference)
 - **Permitted Zone**
(outside the precautionary zone).



• • TREE TRUNK

• • PROHIBITED ZONE - 1 M

• • PRECAUTIONARY ZONE

• • PERMITTED ZONE