

**CBC Guidance:** [Works to Trees in Churchyards](#)

**A 'dying' tree** is one that is [in] rapid decline and is expected to be dead within one or two years. In these circumstances, the tree may well be suffering from pests or disease. An old tree, in slow decline, is not a 'dying' tree under the Rules. Indeed, ancient or veteran trees can be more beautiful, more historically significant and more biodiverse than a young or middle-aged tree. With care, they can continue living for decades. The archdeacon should be consulted before any work is undertaken on these significant trees and expert arboricultural advice obtained.

**A 'dead' tree** has no life in it. Even if defoliated, however, it may not be dead; take time to monitor and ascertain the state of the tree.

**A 'dangerous' tree** poses an immediate and serious danger, which may mean that there is not the time to go through the full faculty process before dealing with any threat.