

CARS CRUSHED



A forest mahogany lies on top of cars in 8th Avenue near the corner of 8th Avenue and Florida Road yesterday. Among four vehicles that were damaged was a Land Rover Discovery, right, which retails for R630 000 -R780 000. PICTURE: GCINA NDWALANE

Worker injured as tree falls

A LARGE forest mahogany tree came crashing down at the corner of Florida Road and 8th Avenue in Durban at about 2pm yesterday, and injured a man working in the road.

Four cars parked on the side of the road were damaged as the heavy branches crashed down into 8th Avenue. Rescue Care spokesman Garrith Jamieson said the worker sustained minor injuries.

"When paramedics arrived at the scene they treated the worker, who had been working near the tree, before taking him to hospital," he said.

Jarrold Evans, the manager of the Florida Rd Urban Improvement Precinct, said they understood that the tree's roots were on private property and that it had fallen over the fence alongside the road.

He said workers had arrived to

remove the tree as quickly as possible. Morningside councillor Martin Meyer said eThekweni parks workers freed the trapped cars. He also confirmed that the tree was on private land.

Two parts vehicles with workers were sent to clear the road. While cutting the branches, the Urban Improvement Precinct helped to manage the traffic.

"It was a big job," said Meyer. - Mercury Reporter



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