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## Abiotic injury - girdling wires and ropes

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Ropes left around tree trunks, guy wires and hose from stakes may constrict growth or become embedded in the trunk or branch, causing it to become girdled. Reduced growth or dieback above the girdled point or a swollen appearance to the stem above the point of constriction may be evident.



Remove rope or wire if possible; sometimes injury is discovered too late for removal to be effective.