



Intent and Purpose:

The Kiwi Climbers are meant to be used by qualified arborists during the dismantling of trees. The Spikescender is used to aid ascending by gripping the rope to tend slack generated. These devices are only to be used by arborists already familiar and experienced with other foot ascenders and climbing spurs.

- Kiwi Climbers products are **NOT TO BE USED AS LIFE SUPPORT**.

Warnings:

- Tree climbing professionally or recreationally is very dangerous. There is nothing we can do about that.
- It is the users responsibility to use these devices safely, in a wise prudent manner and to obtain the correct training. These are not a tools for extreme activities.
- Do not use this device unless you are willing to take responsibility for your own life, any device is subject to failure
- You must never use the spurs or spikescender as part of a life support system. They are climbing aids only and are never to be installed above any life supporting system!
- Kiwi Climbers also known as New Zealand Climbers Limited are not responsible for any direct, indirect or accidental consequences or damage resulting from the use of these products.

Basic operation:

- The Kiwi Climbers and or Spikescender when used correctly will aid tree dismantling by tending slack generated in the climbing system and provide a temporary platform for foot holds while the spurs are securely lodged into a secure part of a tree.

Rope Selection:

- The Spikescender was designed for 24 strand double braid ropes or kernmantle construction 11 – 12.75 mm in diameter.

DANGER:

- **When using the spikescender to tend slack be sure to leave clearance between the spike, your body and other equipment.**
- **Failure to install the rope correctly or maintain the position of the rope between the outer housing and the cam of the spikescender can cause a short fall/slip into your life support system.**

SPECIAL WARNINGS:

- **Practice using device low and slow before using at heights.**
- **Visually and physically check the spring is effective, check for hairline fractures in the housing and the spurs before each climb. Be sure it is free from dirt, sap, bark and other foreign materials before using. If it doesn't pass a visual and physical inspection discontinue use**