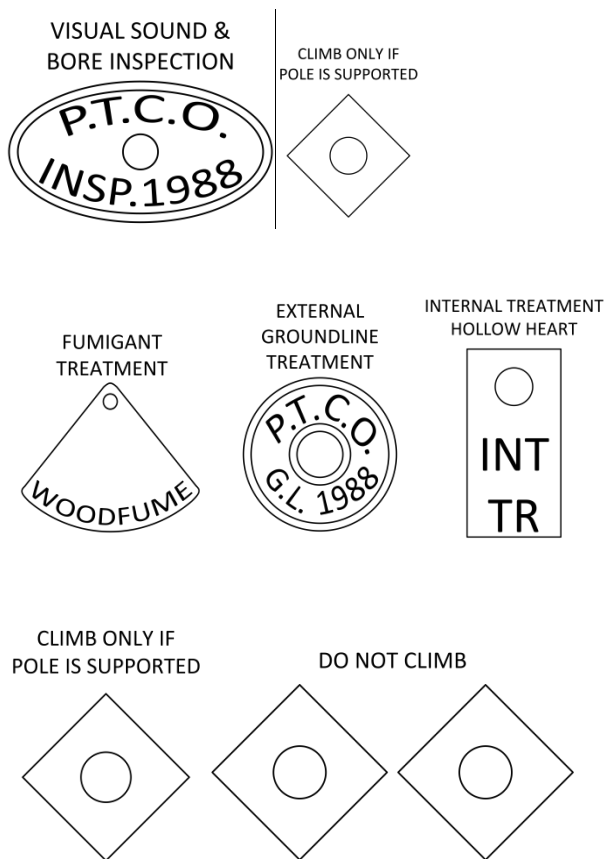


## CONDITION OF POLES

All poles shall be inspected and tested prior to climbing, placing a ladder against the pole, or changing loading using the contractors specific work method or procedure. Examples include:

- Installing or removing equipment such as transformers, street lights, reclosers, etc.
- Pulling or moving conductors (primary, secondary, services, telecommunications, etc.)
- Pulling or moving conductors on adjacent poles
- Installing, pulling or removing guy wires
- Any other action that would change the loading calculation of a wooden pole

The identifying tags shown below describe condition of poles.



**Warning:** Do not rely on pole markings as an indication of the pole integrity. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure the pole is safe to climb by first testing the pole using the appropriate work method. To reiterate, pole markings are not a substitute for checking a pole before climbing, placing a ladder against the pole, or changing loading on the pole or adjacent poles.