The Problem Tree Analysis is used to provide a broad overview of the problem you seek to address, as well as to identify specific causes and effects of this problem. Start your analysis with the blank Problem Tree below and add new branches, roots and layers to account for all of the elements related to your specific problem.

**Step 1** Identify the main problem

Identify the *main* problem and place it in the centre of the tree.

**Step 2** Identify the causes

Identify the *causes* of the main problem and place them below the problem as the ‘roots’ of the Problem Tree (dig deep for multiple layers of the causes).

**Step 3** Identify the effects

Identify the resulting *effects* of the main problem and place them above the problem as the ‘branches’ of the Problem Tree.

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