

# Safety Alert OF THE MONTH

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## Recognizing Hazards and Risks

A critical step in working safely is to identify hazards and risks. Continual and effective risk assessments are part of staying safe on and off the job.

RADAR is a safety process developed in the forest industry, and is proven to increase hazard awareness and control.

## Introducing RADAR

What is RADAR? A process you can use at a worksite to safely address *upset* or unplanned conditions and prevent incidents from occurring.

The RADAR approach is not a new safety program; it is a tool that can be applied by workers as a way of addressing one of the primary sources of injuries – dealing with *upset* conditions.

## RADAR: the process



**R**ecognize the Risk

**A**ssess the situation – stop and think

**D**evelop a safe solution

**A**ct safely to fix the problem

**R**eport and record the upset condition

## Where can I find out more?

The RADAR Resource page has training tools and materials to help you understand the RADAR system.

The BCFSC has developed a short slide presentation which explains the RADAR process, when to use it and the 10 key assessment points to consider when faced with an upset or unplanned condition.

Additionally, there is a poster available “Is your RADAR on?” for your safety bulletin board and crew talks covering the 10 assessment points in the RADAR system.

Over the next few months, we will be making more RADAR tools available to you. All of the releases will be announced through the alert of the month, and the tools made available on the RADAR Resource page.

The RADAR Resource page is located on the Council website: <http://www.bcforestsafe.org/RADAR>

