

# FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

## BCFSC # 2013-07-30 Fatality

Sadly, the BC Forest Safety Council has learned of a direct harvesting fatality that occurred on July 30, 2013. A log truck driver was fatally injured by logs that fell from the top of a loaded truck. This incident occurred on Haida Gwaii.

**This incident is still under investigation so the detailed information and causes have not been released. This is the 3rd log truck driver fatally injured in 2013.**

**Below are some guidelines relating to log truck and loader operations that should be reviewed with your crew to help prevent future incidents:**

- **Develop a plan for safe loading and hauling operations. Everyone on site should know the communication procedures and the locations of safe zones.**
- **When being loaded, drivers must remain in a safe zone. This is usually inside the cab or in front of the truck.**
- **The driver and the loader operator work together to build a stable and safe load. While in the cab, the driver has a different view and can advise the loader operator over the radio.**
- **Good communication between the driver and loader operator is extremely important. If a message or signal is unclear, ask for the information again.**
- **Be aware of hazards that are created by gravity. What can fall, roll, shift or move to put workers at risk?**
- **If the wrappers are being placed by the loader, the driver needs to remain in a safe zone. The loader may come into contact with the load and logs may shift or fall.**
- **Most loading and hauling operations take place in remote locations. A good Emergency Response Plan and regular drills will help with a quick and efficient response should an incident occur.**

