

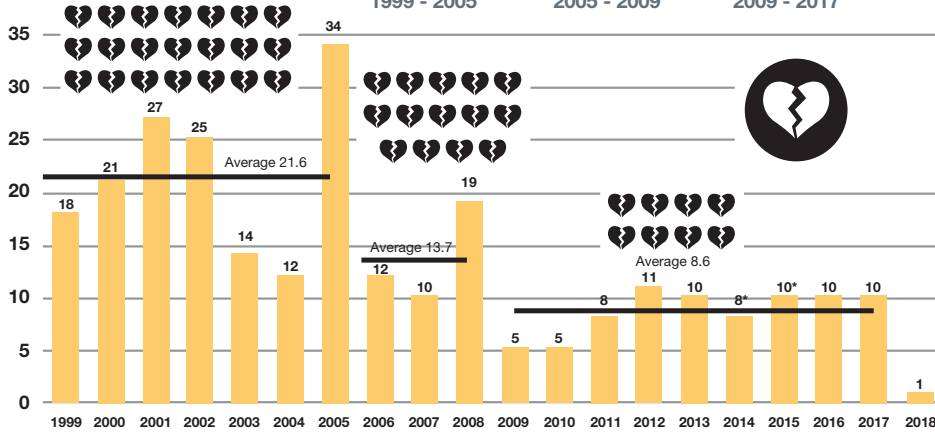


Work-Related Deaths & Injuries

WORK-RELATED DEATH CLAIMS

WORKERS KILLED ON THE JOB

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The data (left) for 2016 is based on WorkSafeBC accepted claims and incidents that the BCFS is aware of that happened in 2016. Please note that this is preliminary harvesting data. *There were 4 fatalities the BCFS is aware of that occurred in 2014 and 8 fatalities that occurred in 2015. WorkSafeBC tracks fatalities by the year in which they accept the claim. The BCFS uses the WorkSafeBC data of accepted claims for trends as it is the only long-term data base for comparative purposes.

A worker was falling two limb-tied trees. As the front tree started to fall, two limb-tied limbs broke free and struck the worker as he was emerging from underneath a suspended windfall, along the planned escape trail.

Injury Type: Soft tissue injury
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Mar
A faller moved to a predetermined safe location as a tree being felled started to fall. A limb fell from the canopy and struck the faller.

Injury Type: Concussion
Core Activity: Ground skidding, horse logging, or log loading
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Mar
A log truck driver was outside the truck cab, adjusting load binders and a log (10 feet long, 7 inches in diameter) that had become dislodged. The driver was struck by a broken section from the log. He was transported by barge and then helicopter to hospital.

Injury Type: Facial injuries, bruising
Core Activity: Log hauling
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Feb
A loaded highway log transporter lost control on a snowy highway and rolled down an embankment. The driver, who was wearing a seat belt, was injured.

Injury Type: Fractures, bruising
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Feb
A faller was struck by a small-diameter leaning snag that dislodged from a tree being felled. The faller was transported by the company's emergency transport vehicle (ETV), then ambulance, to hospital.

MANUFACTURING

Injury Type: Close call
Core Activity: Pressed board manufacture
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Mar
At a pellet mill, a spark was detected within the pellet cooler ducting system, followed by an internal deflagration. The deflagration caused a portion of the process ducting to be blown off.

One direct harvesting, no manufacturing work-related deaths in 2018, year-to-date

As at May 14, 2018, there had been one direct harvesting and no manufacturing work-related deaths in 2018.

March 7, 2018: The driver of a loaded logging truck was fatally injured when the truck left the road and went into the ditch on the 100 Forest Service Road north of Fort St James. The impact caused the logs on the trailer to come forward, crushing the cab. See safety alert: <https://www.bcfestsafe.org/node/3087>.

Another drive to work death

In addition, a second forestry worker has died this year driving to work. A faller died in hospital shortly after his vehicle was struck by another vehicle while he was driving to work near Campbell River in early April 2018: <https://www.mycomoxvalleynow.com/34058/police-waiting-on-reports-in-fatal-campbell-river-crash-investigation/>. We extend our sincere condolences to his young family, friends and colleagues.

As previously reported, in an earlier incident on Highway 19, a forestry worker died in a single vehicle incident.

Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

Sharing incident information is one way to help prevent similar incidents in the future at your workplace. Please discuss with your crews.

HARVESTING

Injury Type: Multiple fractures (1 worker)
Core Activity: Ground skidding, horse logging, or log loading
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Mar
As two chokermen at an uphill skyline yarding operation grabbed onto the chokers (length of wire rope for encircling a log), the yarder carriage unintentionally travelled down the skyline. Both workers were lifted about 5.5 metres off the ground and then fell. One chokerman (a young worker) was injured, and was transported to medical aid by the company emergency transportation vehicle (ETV).

Injury Type: Fractured vertebra
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Mar
While overcoming a falling difficulty, a faller was struck by a cedar tree (7 inches in diameter, 40 feet tall).

Injury Type: Upper body fracture
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Mar