



Your Take on Safety



You're invited to share the wonders of safe forestry careers with high school kids

Every day high school students are developing the attitudes, skills and knowledge (ASK) that will support them as they make decisions about safe, healthy and successful career pathways. Safety is key to helping them develop the right ASK that will last -- in the classroom, on the job, and for life.

LearnSafe allows us to support the next generation of safe forestry workers

Enhancing the safety learnings available to secondary school students in Grades 10-12 in BC is an essential component of getting youth ready for work and keeping them safe. A WorkSafeBC initiative, administered by the Construction Foundation of BC, LearnSafe is relevant to all industries including forestry and wood products manufacturing.

The program speaks to a need, expressed by employers, to more fully engage and inform youth regarding worker and public safety so that they are ready for employment upon graduation.

Focused initially on shop class students, LearnSafe will work with BC's secondary schools to schedule industry-led safety talks in the classroom, with the primary objective of educating students about the importance of safety training and awareness on the job site and why safety is a necessary element to achieving employment in industry.

In addition to delivering the safety talks in schools, online safety courses will be ready to rollout in the 2018/19 school year. Completion of these courses will enable high school students to earn graduation credits while gaining valuable safety training and awareness.

Please join us in telling BC's forestry and products manufacturing story

So far, 12 people have volunteered to step up in their local communities to help support this program. We'd like to invite you to consider joining us.

We are seeking industry representatives who are passionate about safety in the forestry and wood manufacturing sectors to volunteer their time to deliver safety talks. Volunteers will be supported with tools, materials and other information to help ensure that the messaging remains consistent while maintaining enough flexibility to allow for presenters to share their personal worksite and sector experiences.

This is a great opportunity to improve the lives of young people in your community as well as promote the wonders and rewards of a truly sustainable and safe forest industry to the next generation of workers. If you're interested in exploring this opportunity further, or know of a high school that you'd like to approach in your local community to help set up presentations, please contact Gerard Messier at **250-739-5177** or email messier@bcforestsafesafe.org.

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