



# Dangerous Tree Blasting (for Fallers) Training Course

***“If conventional methods cannot be safely employed to remove a dangerous tree, blasting or other acceptable methods must be used.”***

*Workers Compensation Act Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 26.26(3)*

## **The Training Course**

The Dangerous Tree Blasting course is intended to prepare certified, \*qualified fallers to work safely and effectively with explosives to remove trees that are too dangerous to fall by conventional methods.

Blasting is a practice that helps the faller manage the risks associated with dangerous trees. This training makes blasting more readily available to falling operations, and therefore more likely to be used to overcome the risks of managing dangerous trees, jackpots, hang-ups, or windthrow stacks.

This training is acceptable to WorkSafeBC for \*qualified fallers wishing to write the WCB blasting exam to obtain dangerous tree blasting certification.

## **Goals & Objectives**

***Participants will gain basic knowledge of:***

- Part 21 of the OHS Regulation relating to blasting
- Duties of Blaster of Record
- Blasting log requirements
- Explosives possession/magazine requirements
- Handling/initiation/storage of explosives
- Transportation of explosives to TDG requirements

## **Evaluation & Certification**

Participant evaluation is based upon: pre-workshop activities (reading material and participant self-evaluation), successful completion of Dangerous Tree Blasting workshop, demonstrated competency in dangerous tree blasting, and a minimum 80% grade on WorkSafeBC Safety Fuse / Dangerous Tree Blasting exam.

Certification: Successful candidates will be granted a two-year blaster's ticket that is restricted to dangerous tree blasting under the supervision and mentoring of the sponsoring company/employer.

## **Pre-course Preparation**

***Participant responsibilities include:***

- Pre-course reading completed
- Completion of study assignments
- Review of WCB Blasters' Handbook
- Review of WC Act & OHS Regulation
- Complete dangerous tree blasting self-evaluation

**PRE-REQUISITES: In order to attend this training, you must:** **A)** Be a certified, \*qualified faller in good standing with the BC Forest Safety Council **B)** Have a minimum of two years (320 days) of production hand falling experience *and* **C)** **\*\*Provide a letter of character recommendation from a reputable falling contractor or logging company.**

***\*Documented proof of 320 days of falling experience (and the letter of reference) will need to be provided to the instructor at the training course. \*\*The letter must attest to your character, knowledge, qualification and experience and that, as a faller, you would be able to competently handle explosives.***



## Dangerous Tree Blasting for Fallers

This training is intended to prepare certified, qualified fallers to work safely and effectively with explosives to make blasting more readily available for trees that are too dangerous to fall by conventional methods. .

If you are interested in attending the Dangerous Tree Blasting course for Fallers, please submit a completed enrollment form and course fee to the BC Forest Safety Council.

<b>2012 Scheduled Courses</b> <i>(indicate on page 3 which course you are selecting)</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
To Be Determined	To Be Determined
<p><b>Interested in this training in 2012? Let us know!</b> Call 1-877-741-1060 or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:training@bcforestsafe.org">training@bcforestsafe.org</a></p>	

- ▶ Bring personal gear (including raingear and layered clothing)
- ▶ Bring PPE (safety boots with ankle support & caulks, Hi-Vis vest, hardhat, face screen & safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, tape measure, pocket calculator, pens/pencils, \*camera & binoculars (\*optional but recommended)
- ▶ Lunch is not included – Bring sufficient food and hydrating liquids (such as water)
- ▶ A pre-workshop study kit & course confirmation (including location details) will be sent to participants upon receipt of registration and payment
- ▶ The WCB blasting examination will be conducted in the morning of the final day
- ▶ A mandatory Transportation of Dangerous Goods course will be taken in the evening of the first day (included in course fee)
- ▶ For more information on course content, contact instructor Dave Weymer at 250-949-0271
- ▶ For enrollment information, contact the Council office (contact info below)

### ***Please complete and submit next page only***

**NOTE:**

- A) If minimum enrollment is not met two weeks prior to a course start date, the Council reserves the right to cancel the course and reimburse course fees.
- B) If you can't attend a scheduled course but want your name on our waiting list, please call the toll free number below.
- C) No Shows will not receive reimbursement or credit for future courses and will need to enroll again.

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# ENROLLMENT FORM – Dangerous Tree Blasting for Fallers

Course Location (indicate)	Dates (indicate)
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## Personal Information *(complete fully and print clearly)*

First Name	Last Name
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Mailing Address	City / Town
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Province	Postal Code	Email Address
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Phone Number (main)	(Cell, other)	Fax Number
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<input type="checkbox"/> Employer's Company Name OR <input type="checkbox"/> Your Own Company Name	Business Phone Number	Faller Certification ID Number
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I am a certified faller in good standing with the Council  
 I have 320+ days of documented production falling experience  
 I will provide a Letter of Character Reference

Indicate your usual areas of work:  
Coastal  
Interior  
Kootenays/Rockies  
Northwest  
Northeast

## Payment Details

<b>2012 COURSE FEE:</b>  <b>\$3,360</b> (includes 12% HST and the WorkSafeBC blasting exam fee)	Amount Submitted:  \$ _____	Please remit payment by:  <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Cheque payable to BC Forest Safety Council <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
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Credit Card Number	Expiry Date	 <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please include CVD (3 digit security code _____ from back of credit card)</p>
Name on Card	MM    YY	
Cardholder's Signature		

Your company, personal and financial information is only used for purposes of course registration. Confidential information will not be disclosed to third parties. Your information is valuable and we ensure all reasonable measures are taken to protect it.

**Send this completed form to BC Forest Safety Council by:**

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