



Small Employer and Individual Owner Operator Occupational Health and Safety Training

What is Occupational Health and Safety Training?

- Courses designed to assist small employers and individual owner operators (IOOs) in developing and maintaining an effective health and safety program for their employees and worksites
- Mandatory training for any company with fewer than 20 employees that plans on becoming SAFE (Safety Accord Forestry Enterprise) certified as well as for individual owner operators
- The training includes information and classroom activities that cover
 - The Safety Ethic
 - Roles and responsibilities for employers and workers
 - Basics of a safety program
 - On-site safety
 - Worker safety
 - Audit completion and submission
 - Audit follow-up and certification maintenance

What is the benefit of offering Occupational Health and Safety Training?

- Allows small employers and IOOs to evaluate their existing health and safety program or implement a proper program if none is currently in place
- Once the course has been completed and the company has developed and applied their own program, they can request the services of a safety advocate (free of charge) to assist with audit preparation and submission

Background

- In 2004, the Forest Safety Task Force recommended industry implement uniform training and certification standards
- The Council, in conjunction with industry and WorkSafeBC, developed the SAFE Companies program as an initiative to develop, certify and annually audit the effectiveness of safety programs in all forestry operations
- In November 2006, the SAFE Companies program began accepting registrations
- By December 31, 2006, over 250 companies of all sizes throughout BC had registered and 16 successfully achieved certification

How to enroll?

- Visit www.bcforestsafe.org for the training calendar and online application forms