

# SAFE Companies UPDATE

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## 53 MORE COMPANIES BUILD A SAFER FOREST INDUSTRY

Between Dec. 22 and Jan. 2, 53 more companies were SAFE certified. Congratulations to the following companies for contributing to a safer culture in the BC forest industry:

0777089 BC Ltd., Armstrong • 9110 Investments Ltd. dba Esh-kn-am Joint Ventures, Merritt • A. E. Matula & Sons Limited, Quesnel • Allan Phillips Trucking, Lumby • Andrew Peter Cameron & Adriana M. Cameron dba APC Consulting, Rossland • Appletree Industries Ltd, Sicamous • BARM Maxwell Trucking Ltd., Quesnel • Bay Line Enterprises Inc., Parksville • Ben Alspaugh, Dunster • Bute Consulting Engineering Services, Campbell River • C.H.I.L. Logging Ltd., Creston • Coast Island Contracting Ltd, Parksville • Dale E. Jacobsen dba D & L Trucking, Clearwater • Daryl R. Matkovich, Princeton • Duane Aseltine Contracting, Powell River • Egger Logging Ltd., Prince George • Elke Wind dba E. Wind Consulting, Nanaimo • Fred King, Campbell River • H. Young Safety Services Ltd., Courtenay • Honeybourn & Son Contracting, Quesnel • Hoobanoff Logging Ltd., Canal Flats • Ida Lake Salvage Ltd., Port McNeill • Inlet Scaling Services Inc. dba ISSI Logging Co., Powell River • J. A. K. Contracting Ltd., Clearwater • J. V. Forest Services, Lantzville • K T R Contracting Ltd., Golden • Kardale Enterprises, Williams Lake • Ktunaxa Nation Council dba Ktunaxa Kinbasket Development Corp. — Forestry Operations, Cranbrook • Larry Alan Cudmore dba L. Cudmore Enterprises, Fort St. James • Lomak Bulk Carriers Corp., Prince George • Marty Kohnke Ent. dba Marty Kohnke Trucking / Kohnke Trucking Generation 4, Williams Lake • Misty Mountain Cedar Ltd., Prince Rupert • Montane Resource Management Inc., Kelowna • Myers Forest Industry Consulting Ltd., Fairmont • North Ridge Consulting Ltd., Vanderhoof • Outcast Forest Resources Ltd., Smithers • Outlook Forestry Solutions, 150 Mile House • P & D Logging Ltd., Kelowna • Q. C. I. Granite Ltd., Sandspit • Raven Venture Ltd., Kelowna • Roadmen Transport Inc., Kamloops • Ron Leduc Trucking Ltd., Montney • Ruth Manky / Gerald Manky dba Wolverine Contracting, Quesnel • Shelara Holdings, Fort St. James • Shiels Contracting Ltd., Sandspit • Timothy Smith dba Westrek Geotechnical Services, Squamish • True Blue Ventures Ltd., Kaslo • Van Ommen Contracting Ltd., Canoe • Vertical Limit Ent. Inc., Sicamous • Westmore Excavating Ltd., Campbell River • Whiskey Jack Logging Ltd., Golden • WRM Resource Consulting Ltd., Comox • Yellow Point Propagation Ltd., Ladysmith

## CLEAN NEW LOOK; SAME GREAT CONTENT



Easy to look at, even easier to navigate around... BC Forest Safety Council's web site has been redesigned with you — the user — in mind, to better serve you and your safety needs. The web address is the same ([bcforestsafesafe.org](http://bcforestsafesafe.org)), but some of the info you may be looking for is in different places. Don't worry, it's all there, but if you're having problems finding it, please contact us. We also welcome your feedback on our new site. Contact Kevin Armstrong at [armstrong@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:armstrong@bcforestsafesafe.org).

## GET SAFER WITH SAFER CONFERENCE

BC's forest industry continues to have an unacceptable rate of serious and fatal injuries, and this year's SAFER Conference aims to help turn that trend around.

Slated for Jan. 15-16 in conjunction with the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) Convention in Vancouver, the SAFER Conference is both timely and affordable (the 2-day event is only \$150).

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1299 SAFE certified companies = Safety Leaders

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“You’re going to learn the latest on moving safety forward, including a presentation on long working hours and how they affect you physically and mentally. Plus all of our panelists are top-notch industry experts when it comes to health and safety,” says Ron Corbeil, Health, Safety and Environment Coordinator, Steelworkers. “It’s also a great chance to network and learn from each other.”

Bonus: The conference qualifies for your joint occupational health and safety committee’s annual 8 hours of health and safety training required by WorkSafeBC Health & Safety Committee regulations.

Highlights include the Toolkit for Safety session, which will help safety reps understand how to best use their time and how to develop communication that really motivates people. And WorkSafe BC’s Jenny Coleman will lead a workshop on the human factor in safety. You still have time to register, by [clicking here](#).

At the same time you can check out the 66th Annual TLA Convention and Tradeshow, Jan. 13-16 in Vancouver.

With the industry changing so rapidly, this event will provide a great opportunity for staying on top of trends and assessing the future — including how to bring the coastal forest sector back to the level of prosperity it once held. For more info on the TLA Convention, [click here](#).



## SAFETY ALERT

### BE PREPARED FOR FLOODS

Sleet, snow, rain — with all of the extreme weather conditions this winter throughout BC, it’s a good time to revisit emergency preparedness, starting with floods.

Floods can display various characteristics and danger levels. Some develop slowly over a period of days, while flash floods can develop in just a few minutes. It’s especially important to be aware of flood hazards if you live in low-lying areas or near watercourses.

DAM SITUATION: Flooding in Prince George, 2008.

Erosion, contaminated drinking water, power disruptions and blocked access routes are just some of the dangers associated with flooding.



The key to surviving any emergency is to be prepared. Having a plan that everyone can follow and that outlines their responsibilities is critical. Safety orientations and safety meetings are a good way of communicating these responsibilities, and are an important part of your safety program. So use these points as reminders:

#### Before the flood:

- Assemble emergency supply kits in your home, workplace and vehicle.
- Maintain fuel in your vehicles as access to fuel supplies may be limited by flood waters.
- Identify routes to safe high areas.

#### During the flood:

- Disconnect electrical supplies to your house and/or workplace at the fuse panel.
- Turn off gas lines.
- Relocate equipment and important information to higher floors or an offsite location.
- Prepare to evacuate before access routes are blocked.

#### After the flood:

- Call the utility companies to restore service if necessary.
- Stay away from live electrical equipment in wet areas. Check electrical equipment that has come in contact with water before use.
- Maintain a safe distance from downed power lines and broken gas lines and report them to the right utility.



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