

# SAFE Companies UPDATE

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## KUDOS TO THE LATEST SAFE CERTIFIED COMPANIES, INCLUDING FPMs

**Congratulations to the following 19 companies that were SAFE certified Jan. 4 - 15, including organizations from forest products manufacturing (FPM). Tolko's Lakeview Lumber Division and Dunkley Lumber Ltd. in Prince George were the first 2 FPM operations to become SAFE certified. We salute the FPMs along with every SAFE Company for helping make their work sites safer.**

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## CHANGES MEAN UPDATE IS CHANGING TOO!

No doubt you've noticed all the changes happening in the SAFE Companies program over the past few months, and more are on the way (**see article below**). This includes the review of all audits because we've heard you "loud and clear" that you want them to be more streamlined and more efficient.

As well, operations from 2 new sectors — namely forest products manufacturing and vegetation contractors for transmission lines — are applying to become SAFE Companies because they see the merits of doing so.

To reflect these changes, you'll be seeing changes in *Update*, too. First, starting Feb. 9, *Update* will be coming to you on the second Tuesday of each month.

"We're now reworking the audits and trying to streamline our business processes in all areas — and that applies to communications, too. So we're changing the look and feel of *Update* to reflect that," says Steve Chapin, director, SAFE Companies. "We want to give you timely but also quality information, and we think we can do that better on a monthly basis.

"The idea is not to inundate you, the readers. But we do want to keep you up-to-date on what we're doing, so you'll be seeing a new scorecard to show results on the progress we're making, and news on the direction we're going in. Plus you'll be seeing more articles about the new types of operations getting certified."

If any **urgent** news arises between the monthly release dates, you'll know ASAP through the current email or fax distribution system for *Update*.

Regarding changes to existing content, the only major one will be that the **SAFE Companies list** will no longer be featured in *Update*. But you'll still be able to check out the SAFE Companies list on the web site by [clicking here](#).

"Overall, this is the direction *Update* is going in, but this is also a work in progress. If you have comments, please give me a shout," says Steve. **Contact Steve Chaplin at 250-739-5175 or [chaplin@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:chaplin@bcforestsafesafe.org)**

## LAST CALL FOR YOUR INPUT!



We've already received a lot of good feedback as we move forward with the new versions of all SAFE Companies audits. So a big thank you to everyone who's sent in comments or filled out an on-line survey so far. Now we're making it easy for you to share your ideas by extending the on-line survey date to Jan. 22. Just [click here](#).

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to fill out the survey — it only takes a few minutes to do! Or share your ideas directly with SAFE Companies director, Steve Chaplin, at 250-739-5175 or [chaplin@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:chaplin@bcforestsafesafe.org). Remember, we want to do the best we can with the new audit versions, and we can only do that with your feedback!

## SAFE COMPANIES PROGRAM CHANGES

Here's a summary of recent changes made and changes coming soon to the SAFE Companies program:

- BASE 2 audit recalled and being revamped
- SEBASE and IOO audits are being overhauled as well
- Q2 (2nd quarter) delivery for all new audit formats
- Timely turnaround on audits submitted for review. Starting Jan. 4 the Council has targeted a 5-week turnaround time for all audits.
- Electronic submissions of BASE audits now available in PDF form
- Safety advocates now available to a broader range of companies.

As well, the council is also looking at more efficient ways of doing maintenance audits.



### SAFETY ALERT



## PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SAFE WINTER DRIVING

Each day an average of 79 people are injured or worse due to vehicle incidents in BC. Friday is the worst day of the week for crashes. The three leading contributors are human factors, environmental factors and vehicle condition. These break down as follows:

- Driver inattention, driver error, speed
- Road conditions such as black ice and snow
- Poor tires: worn out, wrong type, wrong inflation.

## For safety's sake, remember these driving tips:

- Prep your vehicle — check fluids, tires, lights, wipers and brakes.
- Ensure your tires are in good condition and have lots of tread depth. Carry chains or use a full set of winter snow tires where conditions require it.
- Remove all snow from your vehicle before traveling, including lights, hood, roof, bumper and all windows.
- Travel gently. Remember the three "S's": Move slowly, turn slowly and brake slowly. Avoid sudden or jerky movements.
- Leave extra space between vehicles.
- If in a skid, take your foot off the accelerator and turn the wheels in the direction you want the vehicle to go.

## WELCOME TO NEW VEGETATION CONTRACTORS!



To improve on-the-job safety, BC Transmission Corporation is now requiring that vegetation management contractors who do work for them to register in the SAFE Companies program. So welcome to all those contractors now applying for SAFE certification. The council staff is here to help guide you through the process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 1-877-741-1060 or [safeco@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:safeco@bcforestsafesafe.org).



### IN TRAINING

## BASE AUDITOR TRAINING ON HOLD PENDING AUDIT REVIEWS

Starting immediately, all BASE Audit Internal and External Auditor training sessions are on hold in the SAFE Companies program until all audit reviews are done. Once the new versions of audits are released — the targeted date is for some time in Q2 (2nd quarter) — training material that matches the new audits will also be ready and courses will be resumed. If you have any questions, please contact 1-877-741-1060 or [safeco@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:safeco@bcforestsafesafe.org).



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