



# RUMBLINGS

FOR SAFE ROADS, LOADS AND DRIVERS — ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA  
FORESTRY TRUCKSAFE



BC Forest Safety Council

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## Safety in Forestry Transportation

**TruckSafe Rumbings is published biweekly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call MaryAnne Arcand to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.**

**ARE SPEED LIMITERS COMING TO BC?-** Quebec and Ontario could be introducing speed limiters for commercial vehicles as early as this fall. The federal government is in discussion with all the provinces to look at a nation-wide implementation of speed limiters, which would reduce the maximum speed of trucks to 105kms.

This is not a new initiative. Today's Trucking magazine reported these discussions more than a year ago, after it was recommended by the Canadian Trucking Alliance and others. Several fleets in BC have them already. There's disagreement between different trucking groups about the limit itself, and whether it's too low for mountainous country where trucks may need bursts of speed to get up long steep hills, merge or whatever.

Once the long haulers are mandated to have speed limiters, it's probably just a matter of time until all the provinces follow suit. In terms of how soon, who knows?

**CLARIFICATION ABOUT LOG TRUCK DRIVER CERTIFICATION-** We've had a lot of questions and calls about log truck driver certification, so we just want to set the record straight. First of all, this is not coming from WorkSafe or ICBC. The whole idea of specialized training for log truck drivers has come from log haulers themselves, through the TruckSafe summits and other feedback. Secondly, we're only in the very beginning stages of thinking about what it might look like. We are at least a year or two away from implementing anything like log truck driver certification or training. At this point we are only exploring what kind of skills a driver needs, and have a working group of truckers and others put together to help identify those skills and associated safety issues.

So don't worry – nothing is going to happen that quickly. There will be SAFE Companies certification for independent owner/operators to get through, and even that is still a few months away. If you have questions, concerns or want to give input into it all, call MaryAnne at 250.612.2267.

**RAISING THE BAR – INCREASING CLASS 1 LICENSING STANDARDS-** Discussions are underway between the BC Trucking Association, other stakeholder groups and the truck driver training

schools of BC to develop a higher standard for Class 1 licensing in BC, one that would go beyond just getting a piece of paper that says you're legal to drive a big truck. Other provinces such as Alberta and Manitoba already have professional driving standards and a standardized program, and BC's trucking industry is exploring going down that road.

A working group is being put together to discuss not only licensing standards but a host of other issues that are related to safety on the road and on the job. Forestry TruckSafe is pleased to be part of that process, and to represent the log hauling sector at that table. For ongoing updates, check out the BC Trucking Association's website, [www.bctrucking.com](http://www.bctrucking.com)

**SHARING THE ROAD CONFERENCE** – The Sharing the Road Conference, to be held in Prince George October 16 & 17, is a “must do” event for companies, agencies, community groups, maintenance providers, enforcement agencies and all road users from across the province. It's a great opportunity to meet face to face with the folks we love to complain about, to hear about strategies and initiatives for road safety from a variety of perspectives, and to help build an action plan for sharing the roads of BC, whether public or resource roads. Topics will include issues like new technologies, media, vulnerable road users, promoting your local projects, communication, and so much more. For an agenda and registration package, please contact Kathleen Meise, [meise@bcforestsafe.org](mailto:meise@bcforestsafe.org) or call 1-877-321-1212. There is no cost for registration.

**BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL TRAINING OFFERINGS** – The BC Forest Safety Council offers several training courses that are designed to help move forest companies forward with their safety programs. The three programs outlined below have been well attended, and more are being offered. The full training schedule is available on the Council's website, [www.bcforestsafe.org](http://www.bcforestsafe.org)

**Small Employer OH&S Training** is designed to assist small employers in developing and maintaining an effective Occupational Health & Safety Program for their workplaces.

Topics discussed:

- The Safety Ethic
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Basics of a Safety Program
- On-site Safety
- Worker Safety
- SEBASE Audit Basics
- Audit Follow-Up

Please note that this course is mandatory for at least one employee from every forest sector company with three to 19 employees that plans to become certified in the SAFE Companies program.

When and where are the courses?

- September 10-11 - Nanaimo
- September 13-14 - Campbell River
- September 17-18 - Kelowna
- September 20-21 - Prince George
- September 27-28 - Cranbrook
- October 1-2 – Castlegar
- More courses to be scheduled for October - December

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**The External Auditor Training** course is designed for health and safety professionals who wish to conduct external safety audits for large forestry employers seeking their SAFE Companies certification. The program consists of a five-day training course and a student audit which consists of a full health and safety audit using the BASE Audit. A variety of instructional techniques are used including lectures, class discussions, case studies, and group exercises. Ethics and conflict of interest issues will be discussed.

Topics Discussed:

- Overview of SAFE Companies and BASE Audit
- Preparing an audit
  - Defining audit scope
  - How to organize audit activities
  - Managing the audit process
- Conducting an Audit
  - Reviewing of audit documentation
  - Conducting audit interviews
  - Conducting conduct worksite observations
- Processing and Reporting out on an Audit
  - Processing audit data
  - Generating an audit report
  - Presenting audit findings

External Auditor Training Prerequisites

External Auditors for SAFE companies will have a combination of education, occupational health and safety background, auditing experience, and forest sector experience.

**Basic supervisor training** provides participants with knowledge of their responsibilities for compliance with the Workers Compensation Act and Regulation , as well as provides them with the practical tools to carry out their duties.

Course Content

- Responsibilities of supervisors, employers and workers
- Supervisor leadership skills
- Understanding due diligence
- Communication and safety meetings
- Hazard identification & control
- Conducting supervisor inspections
- Certification and qualification
- Emergency preparedness
- Reporting & investigating incidents
- Practical field experience

Pre-requisites

- A desire to become a competent and confident forestry supervisor
- An interest in understanding the responsibilities of a supervisor

## Program Structure

- Instructor led classroom discussion with group and individual assignments and a written exam.
- Field exercises applying knowledge learned in class.

For more details, please contact Steve Mueller at [mueller@bcforestsafe.org](mailto:mueller@bcforestsafe.org) or 1-877-741-1060

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- September 10-11 - Nanaimo
- September 13-14 - Campbell River
- September 17-18 - Kelowna
- September 20-21 - Prince George
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- October 1-2 – Castlegar

SHARP Conference, Prince George September 20 & 21  
Sharing the Road Conference, Prince George, October 16 & 17

Coast Inn of the North  
Civic Centre

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