



Work-Related Deaths & Injuries

Three work-related deaths in harvesting; none in manufacturing, year-to-date

There have been three work-related deaths in harvesting this year and none in manufacturing, as at November 14, 2018.

September 20, 2018: On a resource road, a worker was repairing the front steering of his 1-ton truck when he was struck by the truck. See safety alert: <http://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/node/3195>

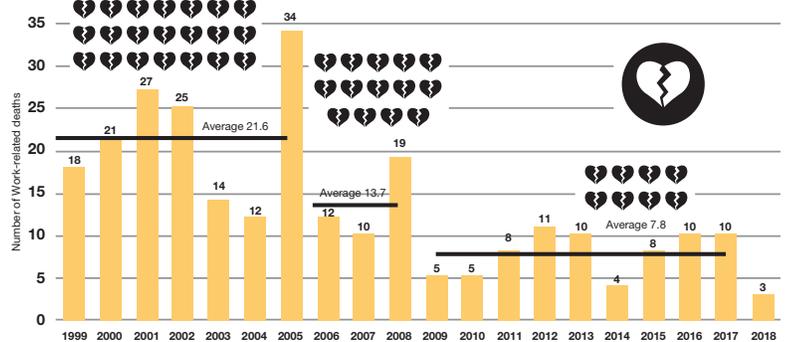
August 28, 2018: A log truck driver was fatally injured when the log truck he was driving overturned on a resource road in the Cranbrook area. See safety alert: <http://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/node/3182>

March 7, 2018: The driver of a loaded logging truck was fatally injured when the truck left the road and went into the ditch on the 100 Forest Service Road north of Fort St James. The impact caused the logs on the trailer to come forward, crushing the cab. See safety alert: <https://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/node/3087>.

WORK-RELATED DEATH CLAIMS

WORKERS KILLED ON THE JOB

22 (1999 - 2005) | 14 (2005 - 2009) | 8 (2009 - 2017) | 3 (2018)



This information represents the number of work-related deaths by year of occurrence in forest harvesting in BC, up till November 14, 2018.

Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

The more we share and learn from other's incidents, the better we become at preventing similar incidents at our operations and ensuring better outcomes for ourselves, our crews and our industry.

HARVESTING

Injury Type: Fractured vertebra, head laceration
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2018-Oct

While falling a bigleaf maple tree, a worker was struck by a dead Douglas fir danger tree located directly behind the maple tree. The danger tree fell toward the maple when the maple fell. The worker was airlifted to hospital by helicopter.

Injury Type: Upper body fracture
Core Activity: Logging road construction or maintenance
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Oct

A worker was removing chains from a grader in the dark and had parked a crew vehicle nearby so the lights could be used to light the work area. The standard transmission vehicle was left in neutral with the engine running and no parking brake applied. The vehicle rolled forward, pinning the worker against the grader. The worker was freed by a co-worker.

Injury Type: Fatal
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking / Outdoor sport tour
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Oct

A faller was struck by a portion of the tree he was falling. The faller succumbed to his injuries.

Injury Type: Concussion
Core Activity: Ground skidding, horse logging, or log loading
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2018-Sep

While a log truck stake extension (part of the bunk assembly) was being tensioned, tension was lost and the extension fell. The extension struck a young worker.

Injury Type: Fatal
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Sep
On a resource road, a worker was repairing the front steering of his 1-ton truck when he was struck by the truck.

Injury Type: Fatal
Core Activity: Log hauling
Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Aug
A log transporter operating on a forest service road lost control and the vehicle came to rest on the driver's side, adjacent to the roadway. The driver sustained fatal injuries.

Injury Type: Injury to head
Core Activity: Forest fire fighting
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Aug
A young worker slipped and fell while traversing a rocky slope. A tree branch knocked off the worker's hard hat and the worker's head hit the ground.

Injury Type: Fatal (1 worker)
Core Activity: Architectural drafting or design / Log hauling
Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Aug
A worker driving on a public highway was fatally injured when the worker's vehicle collided with a logging truck.

MANUFACTURING

Injury Type: Partial amputation of fingers
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Sep
A worker was removing a jam in a planer. The top head was still rotating and contacted the worker's hand.

Injury Type: Crush injuries to upper body
Core Activity: Veneer or plywood manufacture
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2018-Sep

A forklift carrying sheets of plywood was making a 90-degree turn in reverse near a worker at a plywood-strapping station. About 22 sheets of 3/4-inch plywood slid from the top of the load, pinning the worker between the sheets and a stack of plywood.

Injury Type: Laceration to upper body
Core Activity: Shake or shingle mill
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2018-Sep

A worker changed a 44-inch saw blade on a shingle saw machine. When the worker started the machine, the blade came off the saw and struck the worker.

Injury Type: Amputated fingers
Core Activity: Wooden component manufacture
Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Sep
A worker operating a chop saw (jump-up saw) to cut a board contacted the rotating blade.

Injury Type: Close call
Core Activity: Wood chip mill
Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2018-Sep
A fire broke out in a wood waste pile at a recycling centre. Workers helped fight the fire from their equipment cabs and first responders attended the scene. No injuries were reported.

Injury Type: Crush injuries to fingers
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Sep
A welder was using a come-along and shackle while performing maintenance work on a bearing of a tail drum. The shackle failed, crushing the worker's fingers between the bearing and drum.

Injury Type: Exposure to fire extinguishing agent (5 workers)

Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2018-Aug
A worker was operating a loader in a chip barge loading area. The worker stopped the loader and disembarked, and the loader then caught fire. The fire was extinguished by on-site workers (two of whom were young workers), and the fire department attended and foamed the area.