



Work-Related Deaths & Injuries

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

WORK-RELATED DEATH CLAIMS

WORKERS KILLED ON THE JOB

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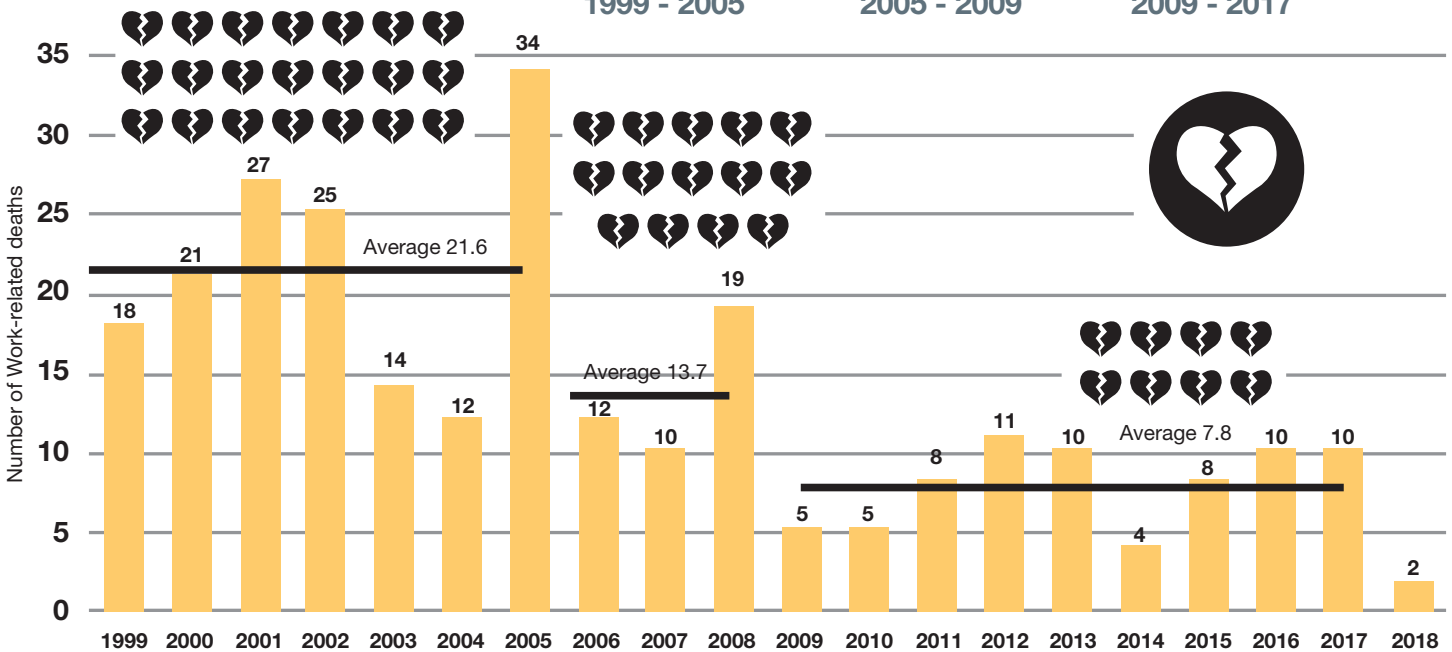
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This information represents the number of work-related deaths by year of occurrence in forest harvesting in BC, up till September 5, 2018.

There have been two work-related deaths in harvesting this year and none in manufacturing, as at September 5, 2018.

August 28, 2018: The driver of a loaded logging truck was fatally injured when his truck over turned on a forest service road in the Cranbrook/Fort Steele area. See safety alert: <https://www.bcforestsafe.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.bcforestsafe.org/node/3087>.

Five natural cause deaths

There have been five deaths of forestry workers attributed to natural causes in the past year. Please see page 15 for health and wellness information.

We extend our sincere condolences to all the families, friends and colleagues of the deceased.

As we head into colder, wetter, icy conditions for many operations, remember we are entering our highest risk months for two of our highest risk forestry operational areas – log hauling in the interior and falling on the coast.

Make good decisions for you and your crews, and stay safe. No haul or tree is worth a life – not yours or anyone else's!

Work-related deaths in log hauling in BC (2013-2018 YTD)

- 18 fatalities
- Represents 40% of total number of fatalities in harvesting
- 53% of fatalities occur in the first quarter (Q1) of the respective years
- 80% of fatalities occurred in Q1 and the fourth quarter (Q4)
- 80% of these fatalities occurred in the Interior

Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

HARVESTING

Injury Type: Fractured ribs, soft tissue injuries
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Aug

A faller was struck by a hung-up dead Jack pine tree (12 inches in diameter).

Injury Type: Close call

Core Activity: Logging road construction or maintenance
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

During road construction blasting work, fly rock from a quarry struck nearby machinery. Workers in the vicinity took cover under the machinery to avoid being struck. No injuries were reported.

Injury Type: Multiple fractures

Core Activity: Ground skidding or log loading / Integrated forest management
Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A worker was conducting maintenance on a grapple skidder when it rolled backwards over the edge of a landing, causing the worker to fall off the top step. The worker was treated at the site by a Level 1 first aid attendant and transported to hospital by helicopter.

Injury Type: Soreness

Core Activity: Log hauling
Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A worker was driving a loaded log transporter on a highway. The transporter failed to navigate a sharp corner and flipped onto the driver's side, remaining on the highway.

Injury Type: Fractured leg

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A faller was struck by the top of a danger tree that fell after it was brushed by another falling tree.

Injury Type: Fractured leg

Core Activity: Log towing
Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A worker was standing on a log boom being moved into position against a stationary boom. The worker jumped from the moving boom to the stationary boom and lost his balance. The worker fell backward into the water but was able to pull himself onto the stationary boom.

Injury Type: Leg injury

Core Activity: Tree planting or cone picking
Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-May

A worker in a tent heard a bear outside. The worker exited the tent with a shovel and tried to return to the main camp. When the worker reached the road, the bear charged and struck the worker. The worker used the shovel for defence and the bear retreated.

Injury Type: Multiple fractures, internal injuries

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A worker felled a dangerous tree in a helicopter logging site. The falling tree struck a tree that had already been felled as well as an old wind-fallen tree. The worker was struck by debris from the wind-fallen tree. The worker was evacuated by helicopter.

Injury Type: Fractured wrists

Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging
Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jun

As a turn of logs was being yarded at a downhill yarding logging operation, a young worker was struck by a piece of debris that was thrown by the running lines. The worker received first aid on site and was transported to hospital by emergency transportation vehicle (ETV).

MANUFACTURING

Injury Type: Lacerated wrist

Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2018-Aug

A worker was injured while operating a powered hand-held grinder.

Injury Type: Amputated fingers

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Aug

A new and young worker was injured while using a trim saw.

Injury Type: Soreness

Core Activity: Wood chip mill

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

The operator of a hydraulic log loader fell 1.5 metres off the tracks and was found by a co-worker on the ground, unresponsive.

Injury Type: Crush injuries to hand

Core Activity: Wooden post or pole manufacture
Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A young worker was injured while clearing a jam on the feed conveyor drive assembly of a post peeler.

Injury Type: Amputated fingers

Core Activity: Shake or shingle mill

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jul

A young worker's hand contacted a head saw in a mill.

Injury Type: Upper body injury, contusions

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jun

A worker walking out from the front of a building at a sawmill inadvertently stepped into the path of an oncoming forklift, which struck the worker.

Injury Type: Close call

Core Activity: Hog fuel transport / Sawmill

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Jun

During a load delivery, the raised trailer of a hog fuel carrier contacted an energized 25 kV overhead power line. Upon contact, two tires exploded (through pyrolysis). The driver exited the vehicle without injury.

Injury Type: Close call

Core Activity: Veneer or plywood manufacture

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-May

A worker was performing hot work on a glue-mixing tank located in the glue room of a plywood plant when a fire occurred. The fire was contained inside a dust collection duct on the tank and was extinguished by plant workers and the fire department.

Injury Type: Close call

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2018-Apr

A worker was performing hot work on equipment inside a filing room at a sawmill. Sparks generated by the hot work entered a space between a plywood wall and a structural I-beam and caused a fire within the plywood wall. The fire was extinguished by sawmill workers and the fire department. 🚒

Work-related deaths in manual tree falling in BC (2013-2018 YTD)

- 8 fatalities
- Represents 20% of total fatalities in harvesting
- 56% of fatalities occur in the third quarter (Q3)
- 78% of fatalities occur in Q3/Q4
- 100% occurred on the Coast