



# Your take on Forest Safety News

## Forest Safety News survey results: Thank you for your feedback!

To view or download the full survey findings (PDF: 34 pages and includes all comments received), please see: [https://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/files/fsn\\_2019SurveyResults.pdf](https://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/files/fsn_2019SurveyResults.pdf)

### Gift cards sent out to winners

Three lucky readers, from Clearwater, Kamloops and Osoyoos, have received their gift cards after being randomly drawn from survey participants. Congratulations!

### Lots of feedback

Lots of positive feedback, a good number of helpful pieces of constructive criticism, and less than a handful of expressions of hate/dislike including a death wish.

### Three things that we have immediately been able to address based on feedback from the survey:

1. Graphs for work-related deaths

Going forward, there will be no averages or lines drawn across the graphs.

2. Detailed fatality investigation reports

Several requests/comments were for more detailed information around fatal incidents and serious injuries, and more timely access.

The BCFSC regularly files Freedom of Information Requests with both the Coroners Service and WorkSafeBC for completed fatal incident investigation reports following incidents in forestry settings.

The BCFSC will be updating initial fatality alerts with more details after receiving and reviewing the findings in these reports.

The principle being that the more information that is shared the better others may be able to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

3. A number of Individual Owner Operators (IOOs) indicated that they felt there was little content or other resources available for them, to assist them. In the SAFE Co section we are providing an open invitation for IOOs to help us better understand what they have in mind and we will work to provide those materials/tools.

### Many other things being considered for the most appropriate response

There were so many good ideas shared in the comments that we are looking at how to best address them in the most meaningful way. From best practices to success stories, to more worker perspectives to more tailored IOO content ... we are discussing them all,



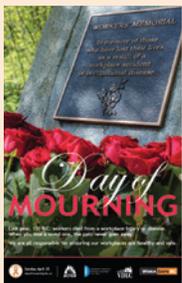
A screenshot of the front page of the 34-page pdf with the full results and comments.

and more and how best to respond without needing additional resources to do so.

Thank you for all your input!

### Reminder: send tips and story submissions in for publication

Don't ever feel you need to wait for another survey to share your thoughts or story ideas. Got an idea? Know of an issue? Want to share a safety success story? Got a worker perspective on safety? As they happen, just email [editor@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:editor@bcforestsafesafe.org) or call toll-free **1-877-741-1060 Ext 386**. All safety ideas and safety story submissions are welcome! And if you don't like writing, no problem! Give the editor a call and she can interview you, write up a draft story which will be sent to you, for your review and edits before publication. 🌲



### Day of Mourning: April 28



To download and print or order posters (left) and decals (right) by April 19, 2019, please see: <http://www.dayofmourning.bc.ca/decals/>

Last year, 131 workers in BC died from a workplace injury or disease. Across Canada, April 28 has been designated the Day of Mourning. As workers, families,

employers, and communities come together at ceremonies held around the province to remember those who have lost their lives to work-related incidents or occupational disease, let's renew our commitment to creating healthy and safe workplaces.

May each of us always find the time, the patience, the caring and the courage to do whatever we must do, each and every day, to be safe,

stay safe, and create safe places at work for ourselves, our colleagues and our industry.

For more information about local Day of Mourning events in your area – or to list an event you plan on holding – please see: <http://www.dayofmourning.bc.ca/> 🌲



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