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Canada North Resources Expo May 31st & June 1st in Prince George

We are less than a month away from the brand new [Canada North Resources Expo](#). Make sure you plan to attend the CNRE on May 31 and June 1 at the CN Centre in Prince George, British Columbia.

Over 4 acres of indoor and outdoor exhibits will showcase the people, businesses and equipment necessary to complete the \$70 billion of resource projects already underway or planned for northern BC over the next 10 years and beyond.

The BC Forest Safety Council has organized a **Health and Wellness Zone** at the event; come by and have your passport filled out for a chance to win great prizes! Start your day off with the **Pancake Breakfast** from 7:30 – 9:30 am on Friday. Attend a free educational [seminar](#). Don't miss the [CNRE Luncheon](#) Friday at noon. Check out the [New Product Showcase](#). Participate in the **Pre-Trip Skills Competition** from 10am – 3pm on Saturday. Watch **Live Demos** and visit indoor and outdoor tradeshow booths to chat with supplier and service provider reps.

Day 2 (June 1) has been dubbed “*Future of the Industry Day*”. Industry stakeholders and workers are encouraged to bring their families to introduce the next generation to these thriving industries and career opportunities.

Recruitment is a major focus for these businesses. Exhibitors invite you to stop by, chat and inquire. Visitors interested in prospective careers in these industries are encouraged to come with resume in hand, as several companies are seeking new talent. Watch for booths identified by [Recruiting Here](#) signage.

[Pre-register for FREE](#) using the BC Forest Safety Council online promo code CNRE224; call the Prince George office at 1-877-324-1212 for more information and other ways to receive free access to the show! If you register by May 17th you will receive a delegate badge in the mail; if you register after May 17th, you can pick up your badge “at the door”.

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In – Vehicle Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshops

Are you a Fleet Manager or Independent Trucker? Do you operate a fleet of heavy equipment? Please join us for

Fleet Management: Using Technology to Maximize Productivity In-Vehicle Intelligent Transportation Systems (IV-ITS). IV-ITS use computers, sensors, and other electronic devices to increase fleet efficiency, both in terms of finances and environmental friendliness.

Jan Michaelsen from FPIinnovations will facilitate an IV-ITS workshops (**Prince George on May 30**), which guide participants through the process of identifying available technologies, assessing their fit for your business, and then maximizing the value of your investment. On behalf of the Carbon Offset Aggregation Co-operative (COAC), Mary-Anne Arcand will explain how companies can improve their fuel efficiency can earn (and then sell) Carbon Offsets.

Organizers hope the workshop will dovetail nicely with the Canada North Resources Expo May 31 - June 1, as well as the Market Expansion Forum on May 30. You can sign up on Eventbrite here: <http://fleetmgmt.eventbrite.com/>



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WSBC Updates

IN EFFECT NOW:

1. [Employer Duty Towards Other Workers - Section 115\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#): New [Policy](#) effective May 1, 2013. A [Discussion paper](#) is available.

This policy provides a consistent framework for interpreting the section. Please refer to the [Policy](#) for more information.

IN EFFECT NOW:

2. Administrative penalties Occupational Health and Safety ("OHS") Warning Letters Policy D12-196-11: Amended [Policy](#), effective May 1, 2013. The [Board of Directors' resolution](#) is available for reference. A discussion paper is also available.

An OHS warning letter is a tool to motivate an employer to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. The changes are to:

- a. Clarify the criteria to issue an OHS warning letter.
- b. Treat violations following a warning letter consistently with those following orders or penalties.
- c. Confirm that WorkSafeBC will not ordinarily issue a warning letter to an employer after a prior warning letter, penalty, or prosecution for the same violation.
- d. Remove the requirement to mail a warning letter to the joint committee or worker representative.

COMING SOON:

3. Sections [115](#), [116](#) and [117](#) of the [Workers Compensation Act](#) will be amended November 1, 2013 to include three new OHS workplace bullying and harassment policies. The [Board of Directors' resolution](#) is available for reference. WSBC is developing a new guideline and a toolkit to assist stakeholders to comply with the new policies.

WSBC has developed the new policies to clarify the obligations of employers, workers and supervisors to prevent, where possible, or otherwise minimize workplace bullying and harassment.

IN EFFECT NOW:

4. **2013 New or Revised [ACGIH Threshold Limit Values and BC OELs effective May 1, 2013](#)**

Each year, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists ("ACGIH") publishes a list of substances for which they have set new or revised Threshold Limit Values ("TLVs"). A TLV is an exposure limit that is the suggested **maximum** allowed airborne concentration for a particular substance below which nearly all workers are believed to experience no adverse health effects over a working lifetime.

The list includes several substances with lengthy names, but a couple will be of interest to forestry folks. Aliphatic hydrocarbon gases (C1- C4) include natural gas (C1) and propane (C3). Because of flammability issues, it's best to avoid having these things leaking about the workplace, but they also pose serious health risks if inhaled. Manganese is present in some (but far from all) of the "fancier steels" that may be welded. It is not present in mild steel (or aluminum). Some health professionals feel that respirators are under-utilized by most welders anyhow. The revised thresholds may encourage welders and company owners to move towards respirators.



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WSBC Annual Penalty Report

Here is a sample of the penalty amounts for forestry related or general violations some of the text has been shortened. To view the full report [click here](#).

- \$27,878.82** Firm failed to either fell, or conduct a risk assessment of, several dangerous trees that workers were exposed to while felling and skidding other trees in the same harvesting block. Repeated violation.
- \$6,665.35** Cable yarding landings that were too small to allow safe handling of logs, inadequate traction on steep logging roads, an incomplete risk assessment for hauling logs on those roads, and equipment in need of repair.
- \$6,213.78** Firm allowed one of its workers to work alone without check in procedures, failed to: provide new workers with a health and safety orientation, safety gloves or an adequate eyewash station, hold monthly safety meetings, maintain adequate first aid records, adequately instruct or train workers about hazardous materials.
- \$5,561.53** Failure to provide a written report documenting remediation of first aid violations WorkSafeBC found during inspections of the firm's worksite. Did not provide a certified first aid attendant and adequate first aid supplies.
- \$4,902.88** Firm failed to comply with orders within a reasonable time; two related to training. Firm was supposed to implement a WHMIS program and also provide training on the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries.
- \$4,860.00** Firm violated the Workers Compensation Act by discouraging four of its workers from reporting their workplace injuries and establishing a compensation claim with WorkSafeBC.
- \$4,490.90** Worker entered the body of a wood chipper while its rollers were running, violating lockout requirements. Workers operated a chainsaw without wearing the required protective gear on his legs.
- \$3,250.00** Firm operated logging equipment on a single-lane public road and failed to implement an effective traffic control system. Failed to ensure that a qualified person supervised falling and bucking activities. Firm allowed an unqualified worker to fall about 15 roadside trees in an unsafe manner.
- \$2,500.00** Firm failed to comply within a reasonable time with orders WorkSafeBC issued in response to safety violations found at its worksite.
- \$2,500.00** Firm allowed its worker to tow an excavator using a dump truck and flatbed trailer combination that was poorly maintained and overloaded. The firm failed to maintain its equipment in safe operating condition and allowed its worker to operate the equipment when it was unsafe to do so. Also, the firm failed to ensure that the bucket of the excavator was secured to prevent movement.
- \$2,500.00** Firm was the prime contractor. The firm failed to conduct regular inspections and had failed to identify and remedy several obvious hazards at this workplace. This was a repeated high-risk violation.
- \$2,500.00** WorkSafeBC ordered firm to assess snags that posed a possible hazard to users of a forest service road and then either declare them safe or remove them. The firm failed to do so within a reasonable time.
- \$2,500.00** Worker was seriously injured falling trees at a wildfire. Firm did not ensure that worker had the training and certification required to fall trees, also failed to provide workers with acceptable written SWP for falling trees.
- \$700.00** Firm repeatedly failed to submit the required notice of project to WorkSafeBC at least 24 hours before starting work at a construction site. The firm had previously received a warning letter about this requirement.



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BC Forest Safety Council News

2013 Leadership in Safety Awards

It's time to recognize the safety leaders in BC's forest industry.

The BC Forest Safety Council is seeking nominations for two annual awards. We're looking for people that work in the forest industry and are known for their safety-first approach. With so many hard working people looking out for each other on the job, who do you feel deserves recognition? Who has contributed to a safer workplace? Let us know by sending in your nomination today.

**Nomination deadline is
4 pm, Monday,
August 23, 2013**

Cary White Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award

This special award is presented to an individual who, through a long career in the forest industry has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving safety awareness, expanding safety knowledge, developing safety skills at ground level and building a lasting culture of safety among BC's forest workers. This individual is known for being a "teacher" of safety, a trainer, an instructor, a mentor...someone who contributes their experience and knowledge and goes the extra mile to help others reach their safety goals.

Forest Safety 'MVP' of the Year

This award recognizes an individual or group that has made a notable contribution to forest industry safety within their operation or company in 2013. This 'Most Valuable Player' could be a worker whose idea resulted in improvements to workplace safety; a supervisor who spearheaded safe work procedures; a crew who found a new way to do their jobs more safely and productively; a manager who demonstrated a commitment to worker safety; a committee whose persistent efforts achieved safety improvements or a company that has demonstrated leadership in integrating health & safety into their business.



Share your stories about the people who have improved work place safety. Nominate someone today! Click link to access the [nomination form](#). Send your nominations to awards@bcforestsafe.org

BC Forest Safety Council Welcomes Two New Falling Safety Advisors

The BC Forest Safety Council is pleased to welcome Mike Bell and Jeff Mackenzie as the newest members of the team. Mike and Jeff will be directly supporting Falling Supervisors and Fallers through onsite field visits to falling operations.

Mike has worked in the Industry for approximately 30 years as a Falling Supervisor, Chargehand, Faller, Dryland Supervisor, Woods Foreman and as part of a Yarding and Loading crew. Mike started with the BCFSC on May 6th and he is based out of the Nanaimo office, but in the field most days.

Jeff is a veteran faller who has worked on the Coast and in the Interior as a Falling Supervisor, Logging Supervisor and Equipment Operator. Jeff will be starting in mid-June and will be based out of the Prince George office. Similarly, to Mike, Jeff will also be in the field most days.



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Tools & Technology

Biofuel Av Gas

[ABC Rural](#) (Australia) reported “the Future Farm Industries Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) is part of an international researchers team aiming to make five per cent of the world’s aviation fuel out of biomass by 2020.” The CRC is working with Airbus, Virgin Australia, and General Electric and biofuel processors in hopes of creating bio-jet fuel generated from farm waste (think straw, etc.) and timber (mallee).

In order to generate the 5% target, estimates suggest that 4 -5 million tonnes of biomass will be required and that new sources had to be located, hence the farm waste. The project will generate approximately one third aviation fuel and two thirds other fuels such as diesel.

In Canada, tests have been completed on 100% biofuel aviation made of oilseeds grown in the prairies. The tests were successful, but it is up to the aviation industry to adopt the technology and build the infrastructure for its use. According to Les Alders, VP of the Air Transport Association of Canada none of the current biofuel plants in Canada are producing aviation grade fuels.

TaskSafe

A lot of companies express concerns about completing paperwork, especially safety meetings records, pre-works and worker inspections, etc. Yet, most agree that it is important that these things occur and are documented.

Western Industrial Solutions (WIS) (based in Kamloops) has worked with clients throughout BC and Alberta to create an award-winning product called TaskSafe. It combines custom software and a military grade tablet PC that enables efficient electronic completion of “paperwork” in the field. Completed forms can be automatically sent to the office – no more lost forms!



TaskSafe offers standard petroleum and forestry industry forms and functions like Pre-trip Vehicle Inspection and Toolbox talks. WIS also works with clients to develop customized forms and other e-tools. The industrialized tablet is designed to work in harsh environments and can function in the rain and in extreme temperatures. It can be used outside of cell range; records/forms are stored on the tablet until back in service. Documents are saved to a secure “cloud” providing instant access by your safety officer or head office through a protected web browser.

For more information visit [Western Industrial Solutions](#) website or email info@westernindustrialsolutions.com

Links to the Interesting & Unusual

No particular rhyme or reason; just links you might like.

1. [Bubba’s Hover Golf Cart](#)
2. [Volvo I-Shift transmissions](#)
3. [Kevin Rutherford – Let’s Truck](#)
4. [Ministry of Forests – Video Vault](#)
5. [Steep Slope Harvester – Climbmax](#)
6. [2013 Student Safety Video Contest](#)
7. [Ron James – Death on A Snowy Road](#)
8. [This is my Office – Pacific Forestry Foundation](#)
9. [10 Things You Didn’t Know About Semi’s – Popular Mechanics](#)
10. [Running a Trucking Business in Western Australia: A Guide for owner-driver](#)



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Safety on the Road - Spring Safety Tips

This [article](#) has been provided by the [Canada Safety Council](#).

Spring weekends are perfect for getting out of town and enjoying the open road after a long, cold winter. But while you might be in a hurry to get away, remember that safety should never take a backseat. The following tips will help you stay safe, focused and calm on the roads.

Stay Calm Behind the Wheel

- Plan ahead. Leave yourself enough travel time so that you are not in a rush.
- Observe and obey the speed limit. It's the law. Plus it ensures efficient traffic flow.
- Identify alternate routes that enable you to avoid traffic congestion on busier roads.
- Just be late. It's a weekend. If you are a half hour late, your reserved campsite will still be there.
- Keep the kids content. Make regular stops so they can spend some energy. Have things in the car to keep them occupied. Sleeping kids make for good travel progress.
- Don't let traffic congestion get to you. It's part of the journey. So handle it with a calm attitude.

Stay Alert

- Eliminate distractions. Put your cellphone in the trunk so you aren't tempted to text and drive.
- Never drink and drive. Never drive while impaired by drugs or fatigue.
- Make sure you get enough sleep before your drive.
- If you are feeling tired, pull over to a safe place and take a nap or perhaps spend the night in a hotel.
- Be cautious. Watch for other drivers that might be drowsy, aggressive or distracted.

Protect Yourself from Aggressive Drivers

- If you notice a convoy developing behind you, find a wide spot where visibility is good, and pull over to let other folks by.
- Don't take it personally. Be polite and courteous. If another driver challenges you, take a deep breath and move out of the way.
- Keep your eyes on the road. Don't provoke an aggressive driver by making negative eye contact or gestures. Show them they can't distract you from driving safely.
- Set an example for other drivers by always driving defensively.
- Make sure everyone is properly buckled up.

Take Action! You Can Prevent Aggressive Driving

- Report incidents of aggressive driving. If an aggressive driver is threatening your safety, or the safety of someone around you, contact the police.
- Set a positive example for younger passengers. Children are keenly observant. Educating them at an early age through your actions will teach them the importance of a positive driving attitude.



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Wear it!

This article has been provided by the [Canadian Safe Boating Council](#)

“It happened so quickly. One minute you’re having the most fun of your life, the next minute you’re struggling for your life.”

That was Dave Kimpinski’s comment after nearly drowning in a boating accident. Dave and his young son, Curtis, were pulling Dave’s niece Amanda on an inflatable tube with their small outboard powered boat.

They hit a large wake from another boat and Dave leaned across to prevent his son Curtis from falling in but instead went overboard himself. Dave wasn’t a swimmer, and he wasn’t wearing a lifejacket. The boat started to make lazy circles while Curtis cried out for his dad.

Amanda saw her uncle struggling to stay afloat and left the tube and began to swim after him. Fortunately, Amanda was prepared for the water and was wearing a lifejacket. She reached her uncle and Dave grabbed on to her.

Curtis, meanwhile, pulled the safety lanyard on the motor just like he’d seen his dad do and the boat stopped moving. Amanda’s lifejacket kept both of them afloat and they were able to get back to their boat and climb aboard.

Dave was lucky! He was lucky that his little boy managed to stop their boat, but he was even luckier that Amanda was wearing a lifejacket and was able to help him.

Because of his near tragedy, Dave Kimpinski will tell you he is a much wiser, safer boater today.

None of us can predict when disaster might strike. Dave Kimpinski knows that firsthand. A fun day of tubing nearly turned deadly because he decided not to wear a lifejacket.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council urges boaters to take necessary precautions and always wear a lifejacket on the water. Often, boaters will proudly tell boating safety officials that they always have their lifejackets on board their boats, just like the law demands.

The CSBC applauds this but reminds those boaters that a lifejacket isn’t intended to save the life of the boat. It’s meant to save the life of the human being on the boat!

So if you fall in the water without your lifejacket on your body, that fine sense of pride in having lifejackets on board won’t keep you afloat. When you go boating, don’t just carry your lifejacket aboard your boat, **Wear It!**

5 KEY STEPS TO SAFER BOATING

Wear your lifejacket:
Legally you must carry one on board, appropriately sized for each passenger. But don't just carry it. WEAR IT.

Don't drink and boat:
Boating under the influence is not just illegal, it's irresponsible. Wait until you get back to the pier to have that beer!

Take a boating course:
The law now requires that anyone driving a motorized boat must have a pleasure-craft operator card. It's for your own safety and that of your passengers. Don't get caught without one. Take a course and get your license!

Be Prepared:
Ensure your boat has all the required safety gear and sufficient fuel. Be sure the weather is suitable for your vessel's capabilities.

Beware of Cold Water Risks:
Cold water is a significant risk. Learn how to protect yourself. Check out the reverse side of this brochure.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council is in the business of promoting safe and responsible boating throughout Canada. In conjunction with our partners and members we actively promote key safety messages nationally as well as sponsoring an Annual Symposium and the Canadian Safe Boating Awards.

To learn more visit us at our web site:
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Ramblings: The Right (or Responsibility) to Refuse Unsafe Work

Rachel Derrick, Transportation Safety Program Coordinator

I have often wondered why we phrase the Refusal of Unsafe Work Procedure as "right to refuse" instead of "responsibility to refuse. After speaking with co-workers my understanding is that "the right to refuse" is considered one of three fundamental rights held by workers. The [Guidelines](#) for [Workers Compensation Regulation Part 3.12](#) state:

The refusal of unsafe work is both a fundamental right and a responsibility held by workers. A worker's refusal of unsafe work is an integral element in ensuring work is carried out safely. Workers who reasonably believe work is unsafe must refuse to perform that work and are entitled to have their employer investigate and, where necessary, correct the hazard.

Regulation Part 3.12 (1) reads:

A person must not carry out or cause to be carried out any work process or operate or cause to be operated any tool, appliance or equipment if that person has reasonable cause to believe that to do so would create an undue hazard to the health and safety of any person.

Regulation is law; failing to comply with Regulation is breaking the law, which leads me to believe that while using the word "right" is not wrong, it's not entirely correct either. "Responsibility" seems a more accurate term.

Where are you going with this?

Recently, staff in the Prince George office received calls from workers who refused work they believed to be unsafe. Workers had been terminated or threatened with termination for refusing to carry out the work. Here is a summary of the typical experience:

1. Worker reported what they believed was an unsafe situation/activity to the supervisor.
2. Supervisor dismissed the concerns and directed the worker to carry out the activity.
3. Worker refused to complete the activity.
4. Supervisor threatened worker with termination.
5. Worker continued to refuse.
6. Supervisor terminated worker.

Many questions after hearing about this type of situation both from workers and third parties, here are some of them:

Was the work safe?

In these cases we don't know; the supervisor did not complete an investigation.

It is possible, that the:

- work was safe.
- work was not safe.
- worker did not have the training or experience to carry out the task safely.
- worker believed that the activity was unsafe because he/she did not have the training or experience required to make an educated decision about the safe completion of the activity.



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What should a worker do in this situation?

The worker did the right thing: they identified a situation / activity they believed was unsafe, they reported it to their supervisor, and declined to carry out the activity. It takes nerve to identify these things to your supervisor, but Regulations prohibit workers from carrying out an unsafe act. Good on you for stepping forward. Workers need to be prompt and proactive – let your supervisor know immediately. And you need to have considered the situation, and be ready with the reasons why you feel the work is unsafe. Even better, be prepared with possible solutions.

What should a supervisor do in this situation?

When a worker refuses unsafe work, Regulation requires the employer carry out an investigation. But there is a much bigger opportunity: communicating and problem-solving. Sure, a worker that identifies an unsafe situation is probably interested in protecting his or her own life and limb – no one wants to get hurt. But they are also protecting your assets, equipment and other employees. Have that conversation with them. Understand why they think the work is unsafe. Did you miss that explanation in their orientation? Is it a new situation that your whole crew needs to learn about?

What about sub-contractors?

In general, sub-contractors in these situations would be viewed as employees by WSBC – meaning a sub-contractor should follow the same process as and be treated the same as an employee.

So, what happens if the supervisor ignores or refuses to investigate a legitimately unsafe condition, instructs the worker to go back to work, but the worker refuses to do so, and the supervisor fires the worker for insubordination?

[Regulation Part 3.13](#) No discriminatory action reads:

- (1) *A worker must not be subject to discriminatory action as defined in [section 150 of Part 3 of the Workers Compensation Act](#) because the worker has acted in compliance with section 3.12 or with an order made by an officer.*
- (2) *Temporary assignment to alternative work at no loss in pay to the worker until the matter in section 3.12 is resolved is deemed not to constitute discriminatory action.*

An employer can't terminate, suspend, layoff, demote, transfer duties, reduce wages or hours; etc. a worker that has refused unsafe work.

If a worker believes that they have been subject to discriminatory action, their best bet is to call WSBC right away. Let them know what is going on. WSBC reps will advise on next steps for filing a [Discriminatory Action Complaint](#) and may choose begin an investigation of the situation or worksite.

Submit your letters to Rumbings, Ramblings:

Attn: Rumbings Editor

Via Email: transport@bcforestsafe.org

Via Fax: 1-888-986-6962

Via Mail: BC Forest Safety Council#104 – 2666 Queensway, Prince George, BC, V2L 1N2

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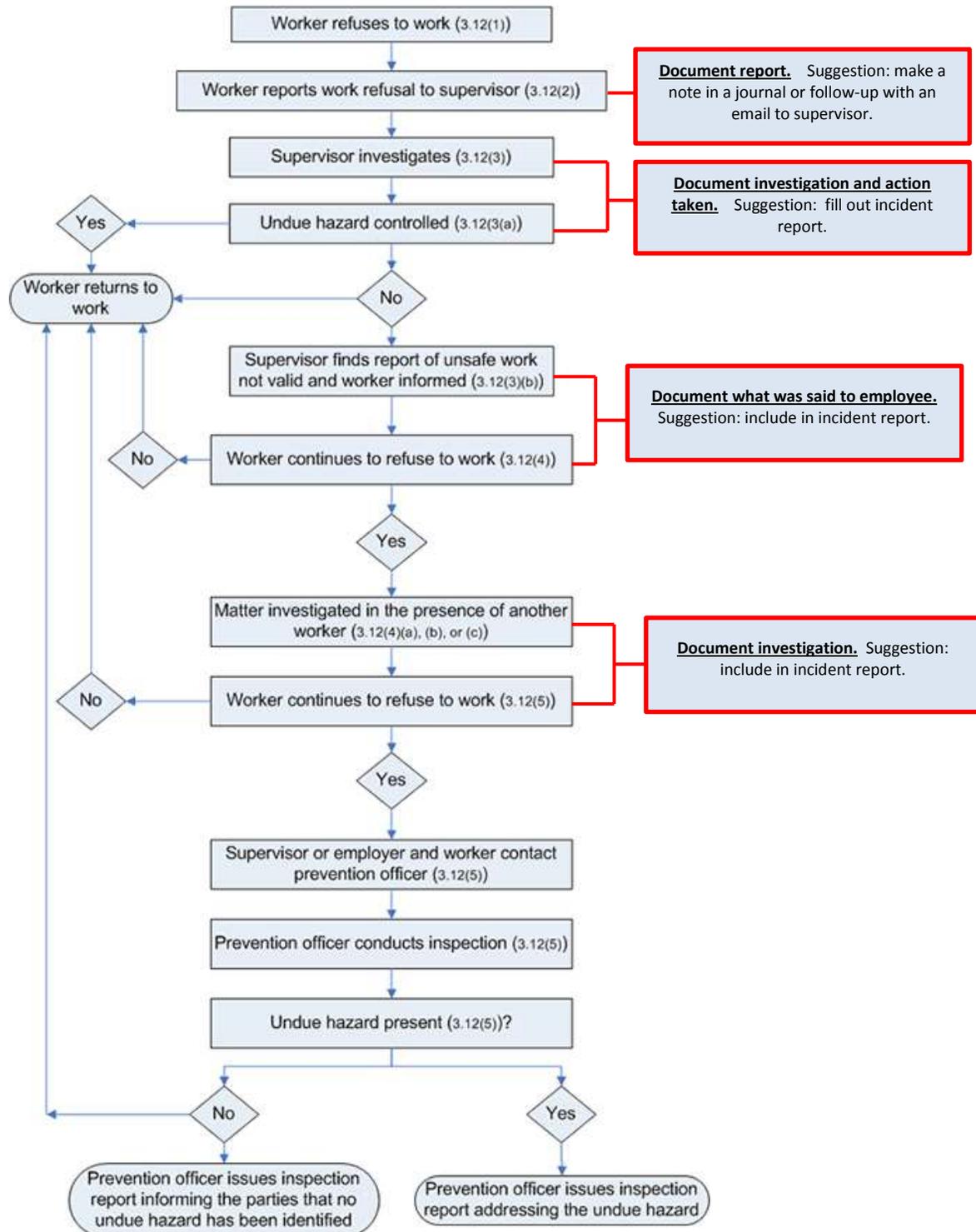
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Flowchart for Regulation Guideline 3.12





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Upcoming BC Forest Safety Council Training

Check out the [Training Calendar](#) to confirm dates and to register for these and other courses! Note that courses may be canceled two weeks in advance if there is insufficient registration, please sign up early!

Basic Supervisor	May 28 -29	Vernon
Basic Incident Investigation	May 28 / 30	Nanaimo / Kamloops
IOO Refresher	All the time	Online
SEBASE Refresher	All the time	Online
5 Day Falling Supervisor	June 17 -21	Haida Gwaii

Upcoming Events

CNC / FPInnovations / CILA IV-ITS Workshop	May 30	Prince George
Central Interior Logger's Association AGM	May 31	Prince George
Canada North Resources Expo	May 31 & June 1	Prince George
CVSA Road Check	June 4 -6	Across North America
Private Forest Landowners of BC Association AGM	June 19-20	Nanaimo
Vancouver Island Safety Conference	October 5	Nanaimo
Employers Advisors Office –FREE Courses	Various	Various

Is there an event that should be listed here?

Let us know what we missed! transport@bcforestsafe.org or 1-877-324-1212.

RUMBLINGS is produced to help keep you informed on what's happening in BC forestry transportation safety. If you have best practices you would like to share, concerns you want to discuss, or topics you and others would like to learn more about, please give us a call:

250-562-3215

toll free 1-877-324-1212