BC **Forest Safety** Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable

FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: Brown Road, near Fruitvale

Date of Incident: July 11, 2008

Details of Incident:

- **Unsafe weather – major wind event (40 + km/hr).**
- **Wind gusts caused a large tree to come down in an area 100 meters from where a brush saw crew was working.**
- **Several other trees and branches also came down in the vicinity of the workers.**

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- **Foreman directed crew to shut saws off and move to a safe area that was two tree lengths from standing timber.**
- **As it was only 30 minutes before quitting time the crew remained in the safe area sharpening their saws and performing their daily saw maintenance.**
- **The foreman called into the licensee office to report the incident, the crew's location and the extent of the wind event.**
- **The foreman continued to monitor the wind and watched for potential debris & dead branches which could have been carried into the safe area.**
- **When there was a lull in the wind, the foreman & crew left the block but had to cut their way out to the main road as trees had fallen across their access route.**
- **Once the crew was safely out on the highway, they checked in with the office again to let them know that everyone was safe, accounted for and on their way home for the day.**

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