BC **Forest Safety** Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable

FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: Skeetchestn Indian Band

Date of Incident: End of November 2008

Details of Incident: **A crew of three was re-shingling a roof with 10 year old cedar shingles exhibiting some signs of mold. One crew member went home because he was not feeling well and thought he had a bad cold. The next day (Saturday) when coughing he coughed up some blood. He went to the hospital and was told that he had inhaled cedar dust and had the 1st stages of pneumonia.**

Recommended Preventative Actions:

The crew was given utility masks for the completion of the project and told that it was mandatory that they wear them when working with cedar products.

This issue was discussed at the Joint Committee Health and Safety and Department Health and Safety meetings.

This information was emailed to Work Safe BC and also emailed to all 17 Secwepemc Nation bands Health and Safety Representatives.

Even though one may think the area is well ventilated because they are out in the open if is important to protect oneself from dust and hazardous particles.

For more information, please call:

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