BC **Forest Safety** Council

Worker Bulletins

Safety Alert Type:
Workers

Location: Kootenays

Date of Incident: 2008-01-01
Company Name: WorkSafeBC

Details of Incident:

A skidder operator was killed when his skidder rolled over and crushed him. When the skidder started to roll down the steep slope, the operator was ejected from the cab into the path of the rolling skidder. The seat belts in the skidder were not used because part of the belt was missing.

The cab, with its rollover structure in place, survived the rollover with minimal damage. Indications are that the operator would have had a good chance of surviving the rollover if he had been safely buckled up within the protective structure of his cab.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Seat belts must be maintained in good working order.
- Equipment operators must buckle up whenever the equipment they are operating is in motion, or if movement of the equipment would cause it to become unstable.

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