BC **Forest Safety** Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Close Call or Serious Incident: Serious Incident

Select distribution (*internal or external*): External - Share with SAFE Companies

Safety Alert type: Other

BCTS Business Area:

Date of Incident: Jan 1, 2009

Company Name (optional):

Details of Incident

The scaler was sleeping in a travel trailer next to scale shack at a remote log load-out. In the morning (first round) the first truck across the scales was waiting for the scaler to weigh him in. When the scaler was not in the shack, the driver went to get him from his travel trailer. Unable to get a response from the scaler, the driver entered the travel trailer and found that the scaler was unconscious.
The scaler was rushed to the nearest hospital where he was treated for carbon monoxide poisoning.

An investigation later revealed that the heat exchanger in the propane furnace in the travel trailer had burnt out and the exhaust was venting into the enclosed space of the trailer, poisoning the scaler.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Thoroughly inspect all the components of your heating system.

Ensure adequate man-checks for remote operations.

Install carbon monoxide detectors where there is a risk of exposure.
For more

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