



Falling Safety Advisors (FSAs)

While our regular field activities and in-person activities are on hold due to the current COVID-19 situation, the government has recognized the forest industry to be an essential service, and as such, any field visit requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As always, FSAs are available by phone or email for any questions you may have with respect to falling and faller supervision.

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Applications

The BCFSC is still accepting applications for Faller Certification Skills Assessments and Certified Falling Supervisor evaluations. Applications will be processed as they are received and field activities will be scheduled at a later date. Please check our website for applications or email faller@bcforestsafe.org to request an application.

BC Faller Certification Card Replacement and Renewals

The monthly renewal of BC Faller Certification cards will continue to be printed and mailed to Fallers whose cards are expiring.

If you have lost or misplaced your current Faller card, please contact us to request a replacement. If you have moved and have not provided us with your new address, please contact us with your current information. A card will be reissued if you did not receive the initial card sent.

Please note that 'physical' cards will only be printed once a month. In the meantime, an electronic copy will be provided until a physical card can be printed and mailed.

Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC)

Work is continuing on workplan items that were generated from the Faller Survey (January 2019). Due to COVID-19, the FTAC group was unable to meet on March 13, 2020 for their quarterly meeting. However, they are continuing to meet remotely, working on finalizing resource packages and other supporting materials.

Work plan items include:

1. Emergency Response Planning (ERP)
2. Support for current New Faller Trainees in the 180 Day Training Period
3. Block Layout
4. Small Crew Supervision
5. Phase Congestion

Resource packages and supporting materials will be available on the BCFSC website in the coming months. Stay tuned!

New Faller Training

Due to COVID-19, the course scheduled for April 20, 2020 was postponed until further notice.

BC Faller Training Standard – Competency-based System

Work continues on the Standard with final revisions being applied to learning resources, student manuals, instructor guides and assessment tools. WorkSafeBC is requiring the new faller training course (30 days) be piloted once more before a final review and approval.

Please be sure to take a look at all of the industry relevant COVID-19 resources available on the BCFSC website www.bcforestsafe.org. Updates are ongoing.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact our office at **1-877-741-1060** or email faller@bcforestsafe.org.

