

Danger Tree Blasting Course Information

Goals & Objectives

Participants will gain basic knowledge of:

- Part 21 of the OHS Regulation relating to blasting
- Duties of Blaster of Record
- Blasting log requirements
- Explosives possession/magazine requirements
- Handling/initiation/storage of explosives
- Transportation of explosives to Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) requirements

Applicant Prerequisites

In order to attend this training, you must:

- Be a certified faller in good standing with the BC Forest Safety Council
- Have a minimum of two years (320 days*) of production hand falling experience and
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a reputable falling contractor or logging company

** Documented proof of 320 days of falling experience (and the letter of reference) will need to be provided to the instructor at the training course. The letter must attest to your character, knowledge, qualification and experience and that, as a faller, you would be able to competently handle explosives. The letter should include the company / employer contact information and must be signed by the person endorsing the faller applicant.*

Evaluation & Certification

Evaluation: is based upon pre-workshop activities (reading material and participant self-evaluation), successful completion of Dangerous Tree Blasting workshop, demonstrated competency in dangerous tree blasting, and a minimum 80% grade on WorkSafeBC's blasting exam. *Certification:* Successful candidates will be granted a blaster's ticket that is restricted to dangerous tree blasting under the supervision and mentoring of the sponsoring company/employer.

Pre-course Preparation

Participant responsibilities include:

- Pre-course reading completed
- Completion of study assignments
- Review of WorkSafeBC Blasters' Handbook
- Review of WC Act & OHS Regulation
- Complete dangerous tree blasting self-evaluation

Duration

This course covers four days: three classroom days, a mandatory Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) evening course, and half-day WorkSafeBC blasting certification exam taken at the end of the training.

What do I need to bring with me?

Lunch, drinking water, weather-appropriate clothing, caulk boots with good ankle support, falling safety gear, hi-vis, tape measure, pocket calculator, and pens/pencils. Optional (but recommended) are a camera and binoculars.