



## What is a Site Inspection?

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A **site inspection** is a hazard assessment of a worksite, its work tasks, and workers to identify and record any additional hazards, which may have arisen from the work phases, or worksite, which were not captured in the original pre-work or previous site inspection.

### Why is a site inspection necessary?

- The employer is tasked with continually providing a safe workplace for all workers.
- It is the **employer's responsibility** to provide the original pre-work to its workers which will **identify all known and reasonably foreseeable hazards** in any worksite and develop a means to manage them to ensure their workers/contractors safety.
- Once the work processes actually begins, additional hazards will be created through the work phases and tasks themselves. Additional hidden hazards in the worksite (i.e. sink holes, loose rocky benches, bear dens, etc.) will be identified as you move through the worksite, which were not apparent when developing the original pre-work. It is still the employer's responsibility to identify these new hazards, record them, and to developing additional strategies, when necessary, to manage them.
- **Daily site inspections in forestry** are often necessary. The worksites are out of doors, and **weather alone** can alter and create new hazards in the workplace from one day to the next, or one shift to the next.
- The **multiple work phases in a logging** show also allow for additional hazards to be created continuously, just through the ever-changing work phases (i.e. Phase congestion – from Right of Way falling, road building, harvesting, forwarding, processing, load and haul). With changing phases often comes changing workers, work tasks, and the movement of heavy equipment or commercial vehicles, to and from the worksite, all requiring another site inspection to identify any new hazards, and the means to manage them.

### When do we need to conduct a site inspection?

- In harvesting, site inspections should be conducted every time there is a change in any worksite. These changes could be related to daily weather, change in work phase, the addition or removal of equipment, work tasks, workers or contractors, etc. This could require site inspections to be performed daily or even more often.
- The frequency of conducting hazard /risk assessments based on WSBC Regulations and must reflect the hazard rating of the work activity. Harvesting work activities are a HIGH hazard rating activity and therefore the frequency of the assessments conducted will also be higher. An office site inspection may occur less frequently based on the fewer identified hazards associated with the work tasks, tools and indoor work environment, as it is rated as a low hazard rating.
- Site inspections ensure an ongoing compliance with the project specifications, as well as the Regulations and standards in place for all work tasks, to ensure workers safety.