



Faller Trainee Weekly Training and Progress Report

Ensure that you continue to maintain weekly records on your trainee faller until trainee has successfully challenged the BC Faller Training Standard (BCFTS). Reference WorkSafeBC OHS Regulation 26.22(4)

Employer's Name							
Employer's Contact Information	Phone:			Email:			
Trainer's Name				Trainer's faller ID # see *Note following instructions below			
Trainee's Name							
Date range of training report	Start:			End:		Year:	
Nearest Town			Block #			Number of days worked during this report	
Geographical location	South / Mid Coast Thompson/Okanagan		North Coast/Haida Gwaii Omineca/Skeena		Vancouver Island Kootenays		Peace Cariboo
Timber type	Old Growth	Second Growth	Average DSH				
Slope	Up to 30%	Up to 60%	Over 60%				
Harvesting method	Cable	Hoe Chuck	Heli	R/W	Skid	Other: _____	

Instructions:

1. Select (✓) the "Parts" of the BCFTS that were observed or worked on during the period of this report.
2. Select (✓) either "Meeting BCFTS" or "More training required" for parts worked on. It is the trainer's discretion what parts are worked on for each reporting period. Trainer only needs to include comments in each of the parts that were worked on or observed, and must ensure the comments support his/her determination of meeting BCFTS or more training required. If more room is needed for comments, use section on page 3, and blank page at the back of the document.
3. Refer to the appendix on page 4 to reference what is required to select "Meeting BCFTS" for each part.
4. Employers to retain a copy of your trainees' weekly records on site, as per OHS Regulation 26.22 (4).

Note: Trainers certified with Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors or BC Wildfire Service must supply a copy of their current faller certification identification card to the BC Forest Safety Council (one time only, per trainee).

Trainers are strongly encouraged to keep a set of the BCFTS Info Flips onsite to refer to during training

To help expedite the certification process, a copy of completed weekly reports must be forwarded to BC Forest Safety Council by either:

- Email: faller@bcforestsafesafe.org
- Fax to the BCFSC Nanaimo office: (250) 741-1068

If you are filling this document out electronically, you can click the submit button at the top of this page to email it.

Questions? Contact the BC Forest Safety Council toll-free at 1-877-741-1060 or by email at faller@bcforestsafesafe.org



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Select (✓) all parts worked on	Observations / Discussions
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 1 - Personal Protective Equipment	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 2 - Mental & Physical Well Being	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 3 - Man-Check Procedures & Transportation	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 4 - First Aid and Emergency Response Plan	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 5 - Review Plan & Initial Safety Meeting (<i>Start of new active falling area/initial safety meeting, entering an active falling area</i>)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 6 - Adverse Weather Conditions	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parts 7, 8 & 9 - Identifying Hand Tools and Equipment (<i>Axe, wedges, chainsaw suitability and practice chainsaw maintenance</i>)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 10 - Demonstrate Chainsaw Handling (<i>Carrying the saw & tools in & out of falling area, starting the chainsaw, handling techniques, carrying the saw tree to tree</i>)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parts 11,12 & 19 - Falling a Tree (<i>Site assessment, prepare to fall a tree, falling the tree, under and back cuts, appropriate stumps</i>)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 13 - Demonstrate Use of Axe, Wedges and Directional Control	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 14 - Recognize Dangerous Falling Practices	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 15 - Managing Falling Hazards (<i>including up slope falling, heavy leaners, pushing/limb-tied trees, dangerous trees</i>)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 16 - Identifying Special Falling Techniques (<i>falling against the lean/small diameter tree, short stubby, re-falling a cut up tree</i>)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 17 & 18 - Demonstrating Limbing / Taping and Bucking	
<i>Comment:</i>	



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Weekly Progress Chart					
See Appendix on page 4 to reference the BCFTS Acceptable (Meeting) Standard	Meeting BCFTS	More training required	See Appendix on page 4 to reference the BCFTS Acceptable (Meeting) Standard	Meeting BCFTS	More training required
Part 1 - Personal Protective Equipment			Part 10 - Demonstrate Chainsaw Handling		
Part 2 - Mental & Physical Well Being			Parts 11,12 & 19 - Falling a Tree		
Part 3 - Man-Check Procedures & Transportation			Part 13 - Demonstrate Use of Axe, Wedges and Directional Control		
Part 4 - First Aid and Emergency Response Plan			Part 14 - Recognize dangerous falling practices		
Part 5 - Review Plan & Initial Safety Meeting			Part 15 - Managing Falling Hazards		
Part 6 - Adverse Weather Conditions			Part 16 - Identifying Special Falling Techniques		
Parts 7, 8 & 9 - Identifying Hand Tools and equipment			Part 17 & 18 - Demonstrating Limbing, Taping and Bucking		

Additional Observations / Comments can be noted below (and on blank page at back)

Additional Observations / Comments:

Before submitting this report, please ensure the following:

- All sections on page 1 are complete and accurate
- The parts of the BCFTS observed during this reporting period have been selected
- Comments are made for each part that was observed and they support the mark that is given in the weekly progress chart
- Document is signed and dated correctly. *If this document is being filled out electronically, typing your name is acceptable.*

Trainer's signature:	Date:	Trainee's signature:	Date:
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Trainer note: Complete the section below ONLY after submitting a minimum of 20 reports (with the last 5 reports showing trainee is meeting all parts of the BCFTS) AND when you are ready to recommend the trainee for certification.

Recommendation for Certification:

I, _____ (trainer) attest that _____ (trainee) 's falling activity meets the Standard acceptable to WorkSafeBC, and has demonstrated the competence necessary for certification. By recommending the trainee as ready to challenge the BC Forest Safety Council faller certification, I understand that I am confirming the trainee is consistently meeting all parts of the BC Faller Training Standard.

Trainer's signature:	Date:
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Appendix

BCFTS Acceptable (Meeting) Standards

Part 1 - Personal Protective Equipment: Hard hat; Face protection; Hearing protection; Hand protection; Hi-Vis, Leg protection; Footwear; Whistle (outside of clothing); Radio; Pressure dressing (on person). PPE is available and worn. All are in good condition.

Part 2 - Mental & Physical Well Being: Focused on job; Acceptable attitude; Eats and drinks; Does some stretching; Good body posture.

Part 3 - Man Check Procedures & Transportation: Frequent checks with partner or qualified assistance every 20-30 minutes; Vehicle in good mechanical condition; Parked facing exit; Tools and equipment secured and separate from workers; Appropriate communication system is available and working; Fire extinguisher in truck.

Part 4 - First Aid and Emergency Response Plan: First aid kit meets regulation for the site; Knows location of first aid and how to initiate emergency procedures; Knows location of first aid attendant; Knows location of ETV and first aid supplies.

Part 5 - Review Plan & Initial Safety Meeting: Includes participating in initial safety meeting for falling area; Potential hazards communicated to the faller; Proper signage in place; Knowledge of SWP for entering block; Knowledge of SWP for entering faller's work area.

Part 6 - Adverse Weather Conditions: Faller is wearing and / or has available clothing appropriate to conditions; Faller is aware of weather-related shutdown criteria; Emergency access/egress concerns are assessed.

Part 7 - Identifying Hand Tools and Equipment: Includes having axe at the base of tree being felled; Handle in good condition; If carried on the body, the axe must be in an acceptable carrier; Minimum of a 3.5-lb pinned / secured head and a minimum of 17" handle length; Includes 3 wedges appropriate for timber size and available at the base of the tree being felled; No stress cracks in the 3 wedges.

Part 8 - Chainsaw: Chainsaw with manufacturers' full wrap handlebars; Adequate falling dogs; Chainsaw and bar length are compatible with timber size; Chainsaw in good operating condition and all safety features functioning; Idle properly adjusted; Spare bar and chain readily available / equipped.

Part 9 - Chainsaw Maintenance: Chain properly tensioned; Bar and tip in good condition; Cutter teeth evenly and equally filed; Chainsaw cuts smoothly; Files and tools are available; If ground chain is used, it must be ground to manufacturers' specifications.

Part 10 - Demonstrate Chainsaw Handling: Properly cleared trail; Bar and chain pointed behind on downhill side when carrying saw; Gas and oil carried on opposite side; If saw carried on shoulder for long distance chain must be removed from bar and saw dogs effectively guarded; Chain properly adjusted to prevent a running chain; Demonstrates a controlled start of the saw; Saw fueled without unnecessary spillage; Containers stored in a safe location; Starts chainsaw minimum 10 feet away from containers; Maintains hands on chainsaw at all times: Comfortable grip, with thumb wrapped around handlebars; Three-point stance, solid footing, body to one side; Pulls chainsaw smoothly out of cuts; Is prepared for kickbacks at all times; Doesn't overreach; Back-barring limited to small (6" DBH) saplings, under bucking, and removal of stump whiskers.

Part 11 - Demonstrate Process of Falling: Walks the falling area prior to falling; Takes note of overhead, ground, area hazards (terrain) and other worksite hazards (other activities); Assesses tree for lean from high side; Assesses tree for overhead and ground hazards, tree defects; Plans and prepares escape routes a minimum 10 feet and / or takes available cover; Plans tree placement; Chainsaw is fuelled up; Chain sharp.

Part 12 - Falling a Tree: Includes tree assessment completed; Escape route brushed out; Undercut/backcut appropriate; Back-barring limited to small saplings and removing whiskers; Uses wedges when required; Looks up during and as tree falls; Tree falls in intended direction; Works on high side of the tree; Escapes 10 feet from stump and takes cover when available.



Part 13 - Demonstrate Use of Axe, Wedges and Directional Control: Wedging tools available at tree being felled; Appropriate axe being used; Wedge inserted into backcut as soon as possible when needed; Appropriate wedge or wedges are used; Uses pusher tree only when wedging is not possible; Demonstrate SWP for wedging (screen down, saw off, muff lifted, two hands on axe); Evaluates the tree as to the ability to directionally fall the stem, based upon tree condition and size; Faller uses saw sight lines to make undercut which places the tree in the intended direction of fall; Checks holding wood to ensure that it is maintained on the low side.

Part 14 - Recognize Dangerous Falling Practices: Creates a safe area to open up the falling face; Uses natural openings; Removes saplings and dangerous trees; Follows the falling plan.

Part 15 - Managing Falling Hazards: Up-slope falling: Max 45% slope, 15 degrees off plane; Planned and cleared escape route; Higher than normal backstep.

Heavy leaners: Assesses tree as a heavy leaner; undercut no more than 25%; Demonstrates t-strap or bore cut; Watches for stump pull.

Pushing / limb-tied trees: Only used to overcome a falling difficulty; Both trees are assessed for hazards and defects; Pusher and back tree must be large enough to facilitate push; Two escape trails constructed (one for each tree); Proper falling cuts used and wedges set.

Danger trees: Performs a full tree assessment; Check fuel; Dangerous tree is felled into open area; Felled with lean if possible; Comfortable stump height; Watches top for movement or failure.

Part 16 - Identifying Special Falling Techniques: Falling against the lean/ small-diameter tree: Constructs backcut first; Sets a wedge as soon as possible; Finishes backcut while maintaining adequate holding wood; Constructs undercut slightly below backcut to provide an anti-kickback step and assist wedging.

Short stubby tree: Fully assesses the short stubby tree; Checks for defects and hazards and removes them; Constructs escape route(s) while facing the hazard; Constructs appropriate undercut and backcut (up to 50% U/C).

Re-falling a cut-up tree: Faller has assessed tree and cannot set wedge or use pusher tree; Makes new escape trail; Makes new falling cuts as high as possible above previous cuts; Falls tree using appropriate undercut / backcut (offset) in direction of new lean.

Part 17 - Demonstrating Limbing / Taping: Assesses tree, looking at tree stability; Secure footing; Maintains supporting limbs; Flush cuts limbs; Loaded limbs removed in sections; Wears eye and face protection while limbing and retrieving tape.

Part 18 - Demonstrating the Bucking Process: Assesses area for overhead hazards; Assesses tree for bind and stability; Ensures there are no loose objects above or behind; Clears adequate escape route(s) and has secure footing; Prepares for kickback; Cuts are straight, bucking cuts are completed; Limited splitting of log observed.

Part 19 - Falling Cuts: Acceptable undercuts and backcuts are used for timber type and situation.



Additional Observations / Comments *(cont'd from page 3):*