

MEET THE FALLING SAFETY ADVISORS



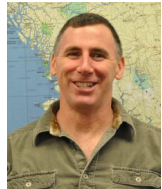
Scott Rushton, Certified Faller, QST, Certified Falling Supervisor

Scott started out in forestry over 30 years ago as a chokerman, landing man in 1985 with Dougan Logging

before moving onto MacMillan Bloedel / Weyerhaeuser where he was chokerman, landing man, hooktender boom man, hoe operator and faller from 1988 to 2004. From 2004 to 2015 he was a faller/falling supervisor starting with Vernon Ridge Holdings (2004-2006), then Antler Creek Logging (2006-2012) and Black Summit Falling (2012-2015). Scott joined the BCFSC in 2015.

"Safety is everyone's responsibility. Never accept unsafe work and never look the other way. We are in this together."

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David Adshead, Certified Faller, QST, Certified Danger Tree Blaster, Critical Incident Investigator

David has more than 30 years' experience in the forest industry as a hand faller, equipment operator,

contractor and supervisor. He started seasonal work in 1984 with Bell Pole Company, Revelstoke Division, operating a log loader and other equipment as well as doing hand bucking and processing poles. David started his own company in 1986 to fell and buck old growth cedar before becoming Selkirk Trading's operations manager for two years and then operating as a logging contractor in the Columbia, Kootenay and Cariboo regions for two years. Prior to joining the BCFSC in 2014, David worked as an independent contractor for 17 years as a hand faller and supervisor in Revelstoke and coastal areas.

"Being able to support fallers achieve safer workplaces is the best job in the world."

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FEES

There are no fees for BCFSC Falling Safety Advocacy services as these services fall within BCFSC's industry membership contributions. Services for industries outside of forestry may be provided on a "fee for service" basis and are subject to the availability of the FSAs.

There are costs associated with offering safety advocacy. Appointments should have the same consideration as a paid service. BCFSC requires a minimum 72 hour notice to cancel or postpone appointments from participants and will provide 72 hours notice to participants should the FSA need to postpone or cancel.

SAFETY ADVOCACY REQUESTS

To request an FSA visit, complete an advocacy request form and return it to the BCFSC falling department for approval and scheduling.

FORM ACCESS: Scan the QR Code



Once the application has been received, an FSA will contact you.

CONTACT

For more information, contact the BCFSC Falling Department:

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Safety Advocacy Program Information



BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is the Health and Safety Association (HSA) for forest harvesting, sawmills and pellet manufacturing in BC.

BCFSC has designed a **Falling Safety Advocacy Program** to assist and support all aspects of hand falling safety.

We are committed to providing members, clients and fallers with exceptional service by providing accurate information and guidance to ensure clients make informed decisions.

BCFSC has dedicated Falling Safety Advisors (FSAs) that provide free advocacy services to support fallers, falling supervisors and companies that employ fallers.

Our FSAs are highly-skilled and trained individuals who are qualified, certified and experienced hand fallers, danger tree faller blasters, critical incident investigators and certified QSTs.

BCFSC's **Falling Safety Advocacy Program** includes:

FALLING SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATION PREPARATION

FSAs can help prepare falling supervisors for certification. They will spend a day with clients reviewing field activities and documentation providing valuable insight and advice at no cost. For more information on the Falling Supervisor Certification, scan the QR Code.



FALLER VISITS

Upon request, FSAs can visit fallers at their field location. They can present safety topics at crew meetings and inspire discussions with fallers for important safety feedback. Evaluations and tours can also be arranged.

UPGRADED FALLER TRAINING

FSAs can provide training to any faller requiring extra assistance upgrading their falling skills. Requests can come from an individual faller, an employer or a WorkSafeBC order. The training is typically 1-5 days long. They faller will be mentored and assessed by the FSA. BCFSC will provide a report at the end of the training to the person that made the training request as well as a copy to the assessed faller.

Fallers must have current WorkSafeBC insurance coverage under their own or their employer's insurance plan during this training. Depending on the scope of training needed, this service is at the discretion of the BCFSC.

CONFIDENTIAL COMPANY REVIEWS

As the HSA supporting BC forestry, BCFSC's FSAs can perform confidential reviews of a company's faller safety systems to support their effectiveness and success. FSAs will visit an active production site and perform a review based on industry best practices and share recommendations based on the findings.

All information belongs to the company and is held confidential between the FSA and the company.

No records are retained by the BCFSC; however, FSA trips are recorded for financial purposes and general information may be used to identify trends.

CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATION SUPPORT

In the event of a serious incident, FSAs are available to support the organization with incident investigations.

FSAs trained critical incident investigation can attend the operation and assist the company with the investigation in an advisory capacity. All reports and photos are the property of the company and no records will be maintained by the BCFSC.

DANGEROUS TREE FALLER BLASTING SUPPORT

Dangerous tree faller blasting has become an essential part of harvesting trees in order to mitigate risks to hand fallers. Fallers are often confronted with dangerous trees such as jackpots, hang-ups or windthrow stacks.

Dangerous tree blasting assists fallers to work safely and effectively with explosives to remove trees that are unsafe to fall using conventional methods.

The Workers Compensation Act Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 26.26(3) states:

If conventional methods cannot be safely employed to fall a dangerous tree, blasting or other acceptable methods must be used.

Dave "Dazy" Weymer of D/T Blasting trains certified fallers in Dangerous Tree Blasting.

Visit: dangertreeblasting.com

Scan the QR Codes to access additional dangerous tree blasting resources:

VIDEOS:

Dangerous Tree
Faller Blasting:



Dangerous Tree Faller Blasting,
Below Road Right of Way:



INFORMATION & REGULATIONS:

BCFSC Dangerous
Tree Blasting Information:



WorkSafeBC OHS Reg Part 21
Blasting Operations:



CONTRACT SUPERVISOR - AWARENESS TRAINING

FSAs can provide some initial training to contract managers that hire falling contractors. The FSAs can help them understand what is required for engaging hand fallers.

