



SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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Resource Road Driving

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Jeff is a new supervisor responsible for training his field crews heading out onto resource roads. Considering the hazards they need to be aware of, Jeff wants to ensure they are well prepared for the unique challenges of summer and early fall resource road driving.

- **Seatbelts** – This is one of the most important and readily available safety features in a vehicle but incidents are still occurring with workers who are not buckled up and are thrown from a vehicle.
- **Speed for conditions** – Although summer roads appear low risk, drivers must beware of hazards like washboard, wildlife, and sudden rains causing road surfaces to become greasy.
- **Dust and poor visibility** – Don't follow too closely behind vehicles, especially when conditions are dusty. Slow down so you're able to stop quickly if something unexpected appears out of the dust. Turn on your lights so others can see you better.
- **Industrial and recreational traffic** – Summer and fall brings an increase in recreational road users: campers, people fishing, hunters, ATV and motorbike riders. Expect that most of them won't be used to the rules of the road and won't have a radio to hear or call kms.
- **Closures due to emergencies** – Fires, landslides and other emergencies can block roads and create serious problems if workers are trapped. As part of your emergency response plan, anticipate these emergencies and ensure your communication system(s) has good coverage and alternative routes are identified.
- **Working under vehicles** – Breakdowns are frustrating and often put workers in upset conditions. Make sure to carefully assess the situation if you are performing a roadside repair or tire change. Follow lock out procedures before carrying out any repairs.





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- Hot weather and fatigue – Driving long distances in hot weather can be extremely tiring. Take measures to keep drivers alert including assigning a co-pilot and ensuring they are taking frequent breaks. Make sure the vehicle's air conditioning is functioning properly.

Additional Resources

- **Video:** [Resource Road Driver Training](#)
- **Video:** [Radio Use and Road Calling Procedures](#)
- **Webpage:** BCFSC - [Resource Road Safety](#)
- **Webpage:** BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - [Resource Road Safety](#)
- **Webpage:** BCFSC – [Lock Out Resource Package](#)

BCFSC Bulletin - News and Updates

BCFSC Latest News & Resources

[Forest Safety News](#) – The fall edition of Forest Safety News is now available. Download your copy today.

[OHS Amendments](#) – As of September 1st, the 2020 amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations including are now in effect.

[Wood Pellet Safety Webinars & Upcoming Virtual Conference](#) – The full series of the Safety Foundation Webinars are now available to download for anyone who wants to increase knowledge and awareness about issues that have the biggest impact on pellet plant safety.

The Wood Pellet Association of Canada is also hosting a free three-day virtual conference and AGM from September 20 – 22. [Register today](#) to reserve your spot.

[Shift Into Winter](#) – a reminder that the winter driving season begins on October 1st.



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BCFSC Training:

Upcoming Classroom Training

September 23 - 24 | [Forest Supervisor Training – Due Diligence – Prince George](#)

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

September 30 | [Small Employer OHS Refresher Training – Prince George](#)

This course provides a refresher for ISEBASE/SEBASE internal auditors. It is a requirement for eligibility for the WorkSafeBC Certificate of Recognition (COR) program and must be taken within 3 years of the last successful audit.

September 30 | [Forest Supervisor Training – Due Diligence – Campbell River](#)

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September 30 | [Small Employer OHS Training – Prince George](#)

This two-day course is about occupational health and safety for small employers working in the forest sector. Participants should be active in their company's business operations and have knowledge of their safety program, as they will become the company's internal auditor and submit their company's audit.

October 5-8 | [BASE Internal Auditor Training – Online](#)

This course is about occupational health and safety for large employers working in the forest sector. Participants should be active in their company's business operations and have knowledge of their safety program, as they will become the company's internal auditor and conduct their company's audit.

Refer to the [Training section of our website](#) for more information on upcoming classroom training and costs.

Online Training

BCFSC offers a wide selection of free online training courses: Basic Forest Worker, Phase Congestion, Professional Industry Driver, Resource Road Driver, Serious Incident Investigation and more. Click here to self-enroll: [Online Learning Centre – BC Forest Safety Council](#)

Worker Assessment and Training

Each forestry occupation requires different knowledge and skillsets to perform the job at hand. BCFSC worked with industry to develop competency-based standards, training and assessment tools to help employers evaluate workers and complete on-the-job training.

Check out our [FREE online training and assessment forms](#) for Basic Forest Workers, Yarding, Mechanized Harvesting and Road Building.

