



# INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

## Log shifts while bucking

**Location:** Revelstoke, BC

**Date:** October 18, 2021

**Details of Close Call / Serious Incident:** A worker was bucking a large diameter Spruce on an uneven slope with several large holes in it. While working, his stance was awkward to avoid stepping in the holes.

Unexpectedly, the log he was bucking shifted, pulling on the saw and giving the worker a jolt. This incident caused the worker to stress and injure his back.

### **Learnings & Suggestions:**

- The worker reported that they were moving at a quick pace to get a job done before the day's end. Pressure to work quickly can cause workers to cut corners with safety procedures and hazard assessments.
- It may feel difficult to stop and take time to assess a task yourself or ask for help from a supervisor when you feel pressure to get things done quickly. It is everyone's duty to work safe and manage hazards at work continually, regardless of production.
- Sometimes repetitive tasks are the ones we don't assess well or frequently enough for hazards. Working with poor body ergonomics might not always cause an injury but sometimes it does, and this is 100% preventable.

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