

# **FATALITY ALERT**

## **– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –**

**BCFSC #2022-01-10**

A sawmill worker was fatally injured after being impacted by a bucket loader at a Lower Mainland mill log yard on January 10, 2022.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and our sympathies to all those affected by this incident.

This incident is still under investigation and details are still to be determined.

### **The following safety information should be reviewed to help prevent further serious incidents:**

1. When working around mobile equipment, visibility is very important. Both equipment operators and pedestrians must be aware of the limited visibility from the operating cabs. Pedestrians need to be aware of blind spots and stay clear of active mobile equipment travel routes. Mobile equipment have the right-of-way.
2. Snowy or icy conditions increase the risk of slip and fall incidents which can be very serious when they occur near active mobile equipment travel routes.
3. Where mobile equipment is active:
  - Pedestrians must communicate their planned travel route and location.
  - Machine operators must acknowledge that they heard the message and give clearance.
  - Machine operators must be aware of pedestrian locations as they move from one area to another.
  - Designate and sign pedestrian walkways and no-go areas, where practicable.
4. Tools and technology that aids the visibility between pedestrians and mobile equipment operators include:
  - High visibility clothing
  - Audible back-up alarms
  - Back-up cameras
  - Equipment aerial flags/whips
  - Equipment lights
  - Overhead yard lights
  - 2-way radios
  - Protective physical barriers
  - Pedestrian proximity alert systems

### **Resource:**

[Mobile Equipment – Pedestrian Interface Safety](#)