



# SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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## Spring Road Safety

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Flooding in 2021 caused extensive damage to resource roads and other transportation infrastructure. Repair efforts continue but not all roads and watercourse crossings have been fixed. Spring weather conditions may cause new, unidentified problems. Road users play a key role in helping manage these challenging conditions – review the recommendations below on how to keep safe on the roads this spring.



### Road Safety Information:

- Road users should use caution when driving, watching out for washouts and other road damage from past flooding. Slowing down is your best defense during spring driving.
- Increased run-off during break-up can put additional strain on roads, culverts and bridges. Be a responsible road user and report any damage or concerns to the appropriate forest company or the Ministry of Forests, Range and Natural Resource Operations so they can prioritize repair.





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- Landslides are a concern in areas with high rainfall, snowmelt and where wildfires have reduced vegetation coverage. Even a small slump across a road can strand road users. Equip yourself and be prepared for spending a night or two in your vehicle.
- Spring road hazards don't always have to be major washouts or slides. Large pools of water, potholes, ruts and soft, muddy roads can all lead to problems.
- Don't rely on warning signs to identify all road hazards. Some road damage may be new, or you may be the first person down a road after a significant period of time.
- Follow your rainfall shut-down criteria closely to avoid being on site during times of high landslide risk.
- With the warmer weather, there will be an increase in road users including recreational users. These road users may not be aware of the rules of the road and radio communication procedures. Help new road users by communicating the safety procedures for the area.



## Resources:

- [BCFSC Resource Road Safety](#)
- [Resource Road Driver Training \(Free Online Training\)](#)
- [In-vehicle Resource Road Driver Training](#)

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## BCFSC Bulletin - News and Updates

### **BCFSC Latest News & Resources**

[New Video – Professional Industry Driver Training Program](#) – BCFSC’s latest video on the Professional Industry Driver Program explains how this program is a key initiative to standardize the level of training and assessment for Professional Industry Drivers and Professional Log Truck Drivers.

**Webinar:** BCFSC, Road Safety at Work and Wildlife Collision Prevention Program present a 1-hour webinar on Thursday, May 12 from 11am – Noon. Register today for [Oh Deer! Driving Tips to Prevent Wildlife Collisions](#)

[Forest Safety Newsletter](#) – March |Spring 2022 Issue is now available. Download a copy to share with your crew.

### **BCFSC Training:**

#### **Upcoming Classroom Training**

Note: BCFSC requires full vaccination (2 doses) to attend in-person training courses. This is to support COVID-19 prevention measures from the Provincial Health Officer, especially related to the recent spread of the omicron variant. This requirement is in effect until further notice.

**April 11 | [Forest Supervisor Communication – Campbell River](#)**

This one-day classroom workshop will help supervisors and managers improve their communication skills at work.

**April 12 | [Forest Supervisor Leadership and Professionalism – Campbell River](#)**

This one-day classroom workshop will help participants understand their strengths and weaknesses, and to recognize how their personal style impacts the workers they supervise.

**April 21 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Cranbrook](#)**

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation

**April 21 | [Forest Supervisor Communication – Prince George](#)**

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**April 22** | [Basic Incident Investigation – Nelson](#)

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation

**April 28-29** | [Small Employer OHS - Langley](#)

This two-day course is about occupational health and safety for small employers working in the forest sector.

**April 28** | [Small Employer OHS Refresher – Langley](#)

This course provides a refresher for ISEBASE/SEBASE internal auditors.

**April 29** | [Small Employer OHS Refresher – Langley](#)

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

## Online Training

**Phase Congestion Training**– This free interactive online training course is available to help supervisors and workers better understand how to safely integrate phases and prevent phase congestion. 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.



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