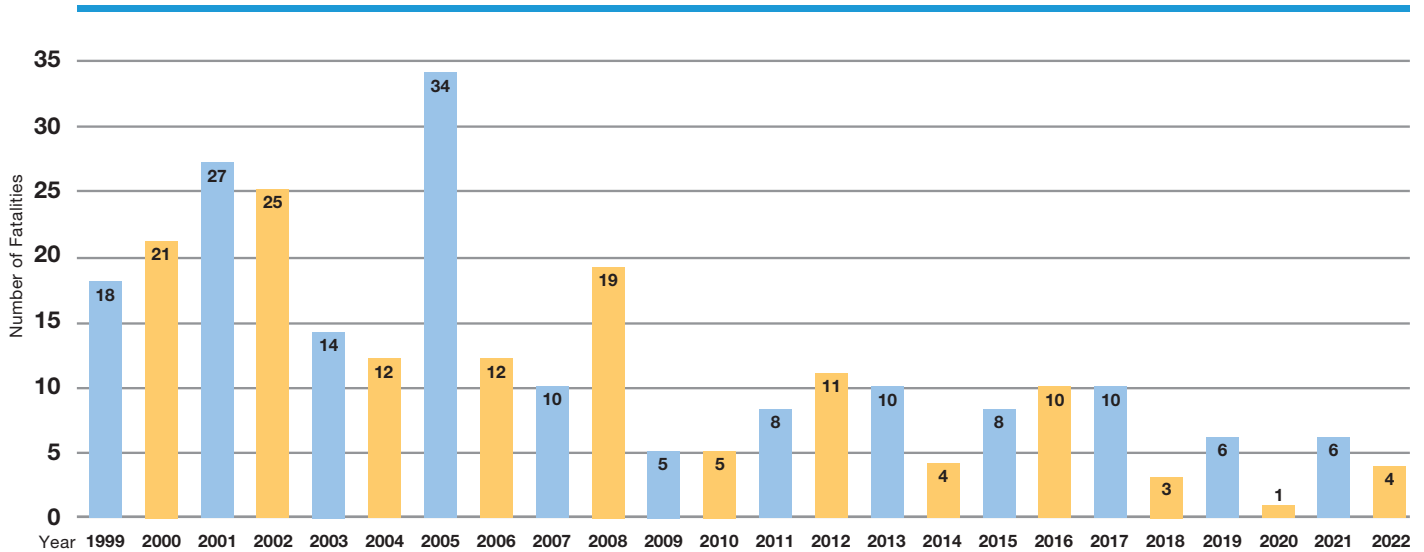




Work-Related Deaths & Injuries



WSBC Accepted Harvesting Work-related Death Claims



This information represents the number of work-related deaths by year in BC, up until February 2023.

FATALITIES

Injury: Fatal (3 workers)

Core Activity: Fixed wing visual flight rule operation / Integrated forestry management

Location: Vancouver Island / Coastal BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Nov

On November 23rd, 2022, a floatplane went down shortly after takeoff and sunk in Strachan Bay, just north of Port Hardy. The pilot and two forestry workers on board were fatally injured.

[Read the BCFCSC Fatality Alert](#)

Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

The following sample of work-related incidents recently reported to WorkSafeBC may help prevent similar incidents in your workplace.

HARVESTING

Injury: Lacerations, fractures

Core Activity: Logging road construction or maintenance / Integrated forest management

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Nov

A panel of a portable steel bridge (15 metres long) was being transported by an articulating rock truck assisted by an excavator. In preparation for lowering the panel to the ground, the truck driver (worker) climbed up to attach a chain to connect the

bridge panel to the excavator's bucket. The worker lost their balance and fell about 2 metres onto the truck's metal steps.

Injury: Lacerated arm

Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging / Integrated forest management

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Nov

A young worker was using a chainsaw to notch a stump for a guylines (for cable yarding). The chainsaw kicked back, contacting one of the worker's arms. First aid was provided onsite before the worker was transported to hospital.

Injury: Fractures in upper body

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking / Logging road construction or maintenance

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Nov

A faller was falling timber within a road right-of-way. While cutting trees inside a jackpot, the faller was struck by the end of a cut tree.

Injury: Laceration to leg

Industry: Construction, Forestry

Core Activity: Site surface preparation / Manual tree falling and bucking

Location: Interior BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Oct

A worker was using a chainsaw to trim and buck fallen trees when the saw inadvertently contacted one of their legs.

Injury: Injuries to upper and lower body (1 worker)

Industry: Wildfire

Core Activity: Forest fire fighting (helicopter)

Location: Northern BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Sep

Workers were observing helicopter water-bucket operations on the edge of a wildfire. Rotorwash from the helicopter reached the surface, causing a tree to fall and strike a worker.

MANUFACTURING

Injury: Injuries to leg (1 worker)

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2022-Dec

A worker was performing maintenance on a ring debarker when another worker opened a pneumatic valve that activated the ring centring rolls, injuring the first worker.

TRANSPORTATION

Injury: Lacerations

Core Activity: Chip hauling / Sawmill

Location: Northern BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Dec

In preparation for loading the trailers of a chip truck, a worker had to open the tarps. As the worker tried to open the tarps, they were struck by a piece of ice.

Injury: Contusions, abrasions

Core Activity: Log hauling

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC

Date of Incident: 2022-Sep

A loaded log transporter travelling on a resource road entered a shallow ditch. When the operator tried to drive back onto the road, the truck and trailer rolled onto the passenger side, spilling the load. 🚚