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Planning for Emergencies

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Emergency Response Planning means preparing yourself with the right information, training and equipment to respond safely and efficiently if an injury or other unexpected event occurs. Is your company ready for any emergencies it may face? The following information, resources and videos can help you respond effectively and safely in the event of an emergency.

Best Practices:

- Build your response plans to include more people and resources than you think you will need. It's better to show up with more help than not enough.
- Realistic drills are a great way to practice your emergency plans. During the drill have an observer take notes on where the plan and response can be improved.
- Prioritize responder safety. If those trying to help during an incident get hurt, the incident will get significantly more complex. Some fires, floods and incidents may be too dangerous so retreating to safety is the best plan.
- Slow yourself down when responding to an emergency. Take a moment to gather your thoughts and to check the plan.
- Keep your plans up-to-date with current maps and contact information. Use sticky notes or arrows to mark where people and equipment are located.
- Make sure to have multiple ways to communicate. The ability to communicate with your crew, office and emergency services is critical during an emergency.
- Confirm the availability of emergency support resources like helicopters, ETVs and first aid equipment. Consider what the alternative plans will be if the resources are not available due to poor weather or mechanical breakdowns.
- During an emergency, the people on site will have to take on different roles. Make sure they are familiar with their emergency responsibilities and practice them regularly. There are more roles than just the first aider. For example, consider who will drive the ETV, run the fire pump or retrieve the spill kits.





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Resources:

- [Emergency Response Planning Resources](#)
- [Every Minute Counts - Video - WorkSafeBC](#)
- [Every Minute Counts - Video Discussion Guide - WorkSafeBC](#)
- [Emergency Drill Resources](#)



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BCFSC Bulletin - News and Updates

BCFSC Latest News & Resources

[2023 Training Calendar](#) – Our 2023 Training Calendar is now fully loaded and offers both in-classroom and online courses. We also provide requested training bringing courses directly to your preferred location at a convenient time that works for you.

[BCFSC FIRS App](#) - Forest Industry Reporting System is a FREE resource available to all BCFSC Members. [Register for access](#).

[March Forest Safety News](#) – Spring edition available March 1st.

[BCFSC Webinar – If You Want To Change Your Culture, You Need To Change Your Questions](#). Thursday, March 16, 2022 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm (PST). Register for this valuable webinar on the art of asking versus telling by utilizing open-ended questions. Hosted by facilitator Shannon Overland. Principal Consultant at Dekra Insights.



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[2023 Interior Safety Conference \(ISC\)](#) – The ISC returns as part of the **Interior Logging Association's Conference**. Admission to ISC is free with refreshments and lunch provided. Thursday, May 4th, 2023 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre in Kamloops, BC. Visit the **BCFSC website to register**.

[Small Employer OHS Training](#) – New employers looking to gain their SEBASE or ISEBASE SAFE Companies certification can now access an updated Small Employer Occupational Health and Safety online training course. This new course explains how to build an effective safety program AND how to successfully complete the SAFE Companies audit. [Click here](#) to find out more.

BCFSC Training:

Upcoming Classroom Training

March 16-17 | [Forest Supervisor Due Diligence – Campbell River](#)

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

March 20-21 | [Small Employer OHS – Kamloops](#)

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

March 20 or 21 | [Small Employer OHS Refresher – Kamloops](#)

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

March 24 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Kamloops](#)

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

March 27-31 | [Falling Supervisor – Nelson](#)

Participants will learn the roles and responsibilities of a falling supervisor and will become familiar with processes used by a falling supervisor to support their due diligence.

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

Online Training

Winch Assist Harvesting – This free online training course looks at safe practices to follow when operating winch assist logging equipment. It includes information on planning and layout considerations, anchors and wire rope/cable inspection and maintenance. 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.