



SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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When you take a close look at the safest organizations, there are some practices and attributes that they all share. These best practices can be adopted by your own organization to update and improve your current safety culture. Review the list below and assess your own company's health and safety practices to see where you can improve:

Safety Best Practices:

- **The basics are done well.** Safe work procedures should be up-to-date and well understood by all employees. Additionally, when unusual situations arise that don't have established procedures, a thorough risk assessment should be completed and controls put in place to keep everyone safe.
- **Highest risk areas are focused on to get the biggest safety return.** Assess operations regularly to spot new risks. Any identified risks that could cause serious incidents should be given priority and dealt with first.
- **Continual improvement is achieved through investigation and corrective actions.** This doesn't even need to be safety related. Whenever there is a poor result (production, quality, or safety), investigate to find the root cause(s). Correct the identified causes to help prevent a similar problem in the future.
- **Leadership committed to safety.** Build a safety culture based not just on words but also from demonstrating commitment. Inspire people at all levels to take on safety leadership roles. Company and team leaders should motivate people to do the right thing and hold them accountable when they don't.
- **Employees are part of the safety program and their ideas are valued and acted upon.** Input = ownership.



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BCFSC Bulletin - News and Updates

BCFSC Latest News & Resources

[New Video: ERP Equipment Rollover and Operator Extraction](#)

This video focuses on the importance of including extractions in Emergency Response Plans. It features a logging crew conducting an emergency extraction drill. It demonstrates the process and tools used for a crew-initiated extraction as well as a self-extraction done by the operator inside an over-turned cab.

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

[PPE For Women](#) - Read the article from OHS Canada *Ill-fitting PPE for women creates safety hazards, leaves workers feeling excluded*. And access all of the virtual panel sessions [On Demand](#) from the PPE for Women event from March 23.

[Webinar Recording](#) – If You Want to Change Your Culture, You Need to Change Your Questions. This webinar is intended for forest workers/supervisors in leadership positions. It will help set you on a path to creating conversations that matter and will give you a clear outlook on how to create a culture of connection.

[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**.

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

BCFSC Training:

Upcoming Classroom Training

May 4 | [Forest Supervisor Communication – Campbell River](#)

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

May 5 | [Forest Supervisor Leadership and Professionalism – Campbell River](#)

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



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June 2 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Campbell River](#)

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

June 9 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Vernon](#)

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

June 13-16 | [Falling Supervisor – Campbell River](#)

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.

June 15-16 | [Forest Supervisor Due Diligence – Prince George](#)

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

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

Online Training

Safe Decision Making in a Forestry Workplace – Workers in the forestry industry sometimes work in high pressure situations that can become dangerous. How we react to stressful situations can impact the outcome. Through awareness and practice, you can improve your ability to remain calm and focused which will help you with sound decision making. Click here to self-enroll in this free online training course: [Online Learning Centre – BC Forest Safety Council](#)

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.