



# SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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## Driving in Sun Glare

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In the fall and winter, the sun is lower on the horizon and drivers are often challenged by driving with the sun in their eyes. Although driving in the sun's glare is a year-round challenge, it's wise to always be prepared, especially when the glare is more intense. Blocking the sun can mean blocking your view of traffic and hazards ahead resulting in dangerous driving conditions.

On resource roads, sun glare can obstruct your ability to spot wildlife and can make blind corners more challenging to navigate. Sun reflecting off the snow can intensify the bright conditions further reducing visibility.

Sun glare is often a factor in collisions, particularly when vehicles are exiting from side roads into the path of oncoming traffic. It is also a contributing factor in rear-end collisions when stationary or slow-moving vehicles are not seen.

Sun glare also increases risks for pedestrians and motorcyclists. Their smaller size increases their risk as they are easily hidden in the sun's bright glare.

Stay alert at intersections on sunny days and don't assume other drivers can see you. Even if you are not affected by the sun's glare, someone else may be.



### Tips To Reduce Sun Glare

- Use your visor and consider investing in polarized sunglasses. They help reduce glare.
- Leave more space between your vehicle and the vehicles in front or next to you. When the sun is in your eyes, it can be harder to see what other vehicles are doing.
- Drive with your headlights on to increase your visibility to other drivers.

When you make proper adjustments, you will minimize any added risks that come with less-than-optimal visual conditions. Safe travels!



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## **BCFSC Latest News & Resources**

**[New Course – Legal Requirements for Forestry Blasting](#)** - This FREE two-hour course reviews legislation and regulations that govern blasting activities in the forest industry. Completion of this training helps certified blasters achieve the six-hour annual training requirement.

**[Webinar: First Aid Regulatory Changes – A Forest Industry Perspective](#)** – Watch this recorded webinar to learn about the rationale behind the updated First Aid regulations and review key amendments to help employers ensure compliance.

**[September Forest Safety News](#)** – read the latest issue of the FSN

**[FIRS App](#)** - The full version of the BCFSC FIRS App is now available to download from your App store. Use the FIRS App manage forms and documents for safety-related paperwork related to SAFE Companies and COR audit forms management.

## **BCFSC Training:**

**October 31 - November 1** | **[Due Diligence for Forest Supervisors – Campbell River](#)**

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

**November 14-15** | **[Leadership and Communication for Forest Supervisors – Prince George](#)**

This two-day classroom workshop provides participants with insights into their strengths and weaknesses, and how their personal style influences the workers they oversee.

**November 27-28** | **[Leadership and Communication for Forest Supervisors – Campbell River](#)**

This two-day classroom workshop provides participants with insights into their strengths and weaknesses, and how their personal style influences the workers they oversee.

**November 29** | **[Basic Incident Investigation – Campbell River](#)**

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

**December 6** | **[Basic Incident Investigation – Prince George](#)**

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

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

## **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.

Take a look at our **[FREE online training and assessment forms](#)** for Basic Forest Workers, Yarding, Mechanized Harvesting and Road Building.