



Work-Related Deaths & Injuries



For 2024 year-to-date, there has been one work-related death in the BC forestry industry. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and our sympathies to all those affected by this tragic incident.

FATALITIES

Injury: Fatal

Core Activity: Float Plane Incident

Location: Vancouver Island BC

Date of Incident: Oct 2024

On October 2nd, a forestry worker was fatally injured when the float plane they were in overturned during landing in an area northeast of Port Hardy, BC.

[Read the BCFSC 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: Bruises, lacerations

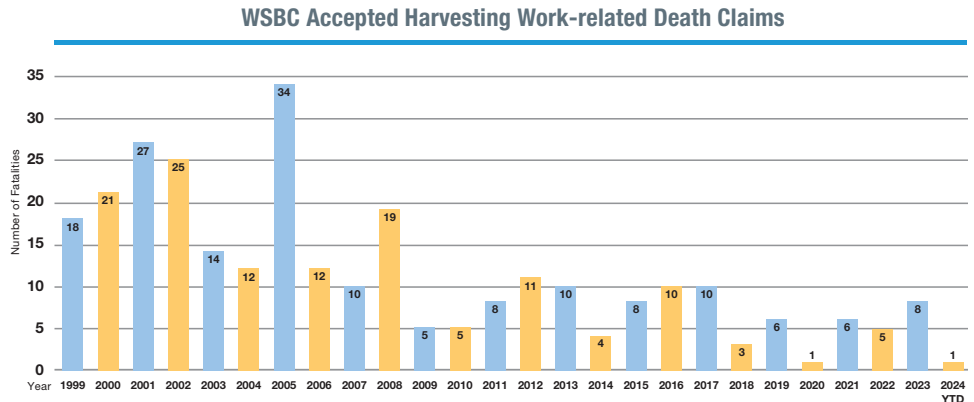
Core Activity: Log hauling

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC

Date of Incident: Aug 2024

A loaded log transporter descending a steep resource road (grades ranging from 18 to 24 percent) failed to make a turn at the end of the descent.

The transporter left the road, spilled its load, and came to rest in small standing timber about 20 metres off the road. The operator was able to walk out of the cab on their own.



This information represents the number of work-related deaths by year in BC, up until November 2024.

MANUFACTURING

Injury: Close call

Core Activity: Pressed Wood Product Manufacture

Location: Interior BC

Date of Incident: Aug 2024

A fire event occurred in a cooling bin in a pellet plant. The automatic deluge activated, and team members deployed firehoses as a secondary precaution. No machinery was damaged, and no workers were injured.

Injury: Close call

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Interior BC

Date of Incident: July 2024

A fire occurred in the sawbox of a #2 edger due to a seized bearing on the arbor shaft. Workers extinguished the fire with hoses and extinguishers within 15 minutes. No injuries were reported.

Injury: Close call

Core Activity: Pressed Wood Product Manufacture

Location: Northern BC

Date of Incident: Aug 2024

Restarting a fibre dryer at a wood pellet plant after a three-day maintenance shutdown, a worker observed sparks and smoke escaping from a ventilation stack. The worker started a ventilation fan in the system to vent the smoke, and a deflagration occurred in the

ducting. No wood fuel, gas fuel, or heat had been introduced into the system during the restarting process.

Injury: Close call

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: June 2024

A worker was on an extension ladder repairing the drive chain for a conveyor when they fell to grade (about 4 feet).

TRANSPORTATION

Injury: Multiple injuries

Core Activity: Wooden component manufacture

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: Feb 2024

A worker was on a ladder tarping down the load on a tractor-trailer unit when they fell to the ground.

INCIDENT FINDINGS

The summary of findings from a [2021 incident investigation](#) into a 2021 fatality involving a service contractor at a wood products manufacturing facility has now been posted on WorkSafeBC's website.

The summary of findings from a [2021 incident investigation](#) into an incident involving a firefighter being seriously injured during controlled burnoff has now been posted on WorkSafeBC's website. 🚒