



SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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Day of Mourning

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Every year, on April 28, workers, families, employers and others come together and remember those who have lost their lives to work-related incidents or occupational diseases.

In 2024, there were 146 workers in BC who lost their lives to workplace injury or disease. There were 68 fatalities due to traumatic injury and 78 fatalities due to occupational disease.

In 2024, two forestry workers lost their lives.

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.

On December 16th, a log truck driver was fatally injured during an attempt to tow a log truck that had spun out on an icy road. This incident occurred in an area near Logan Lake, BC.

Day of Mourning is a day to reflect and honour the memory of those who lost their lives on the job, as well as an opportunity to talk to each other and renew our commitment to workplace safety.

If we all commit to building a culture where safety and health is the priority, and we are all encouraged to make a contribution, we can make fatalities and workplace incidents a thing of the past.

On April 28 at 10:30am, please take a moment of silence to recognize those we've lost and renew our commitment to ensuring every forestry worker goes home safe everyday.



Resources

[Day of Mourning 2025 – Crew Talk](#)

[Day of Mourning 2025 – BCFSC Presentation](#)

[Day of Mourning BC](#)

BCFSC Latest News & Resources

[New Course – Instructor Led Basic Incident Investigation](#) – The regular Basic Incident Investigation training is also available as a requested instructor-led virtual course which is convenient for companies with employees located around the province. It includes a combination of instructor-led



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virtual meetings and learning activities through BCFSC's online Learning Centre. The training is scheduled as two half-day sessions to provide flexibility for participants who are actively working.

New First Aid Requirements came into effect November 1, 2024. Make sure to update your company's First Aid Program. [For more information, check out BCFSC's website](#) which includes recorded webinars and resources.

March 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:

April 29 – May 2 | [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.

May 16 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Campbell River](#)

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

May 22 - 23 | [Forest Supervisor – Due Diligence for Supervisors – Kamloops](#)

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

May 27 – 30 | [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 4 - 5 | [Forest Supervisor – Due Diligence for Supervisors – Nelson](#)

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

June 5 - 6 | [Forest Supervisor – Due Diligence for Supervisors – Campbell River](#)

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

June 6 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Nelson](#)

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

Refer to the [Training section](#) 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.

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