

# **FATALITY ALERT**

## **– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –**

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On July 10th, a worker was fatally injured when they were caught between decked logs that had rolled and a piece of heavy equipment in an area near Powell River, BC. WorkSafeBC and the Coroners Service are currently investigating this incident.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and offer our sympathies to all those affected by this tragedy.

**This is the fourth harvesting fatality in 2025.**

This incident is under investigation and details are still to be determined. Contributing factors to the incident are not available during an ongoing investigation.

**Consider the following safety points:**

1. Stay clear of hazardous crush points between logs, rocks or heavy equipment. These objects may move unexpectedly and cause severe injuries. Even small logs or objects can cause serious injuries or fatalities.
2. Workers outside of a vehicle or machine cab are at highest risk during logging operations. Assess your work area and establish safe zones where ground workers are in the clear. Avoid establishing safe zones below steep slopes with logs, decked timber or loose rocks.
3. Steep ground adds to the likelihood and severity of incidents. Once objects start moving on steep ground, they move quickly and with considerable force.
4. Gravity is a hazardous energy source for many logging operations. Examples include:
  - Logs or rocks on a steep slope
  - A suspended log or load that is left in the air
  - Working near drop-offs or cliffs.
  - Equipment parked without lowering blades or attachments.

Ask “What If” questions to identify what may happen in these potentially dangerous situations.

### **Resources:**

WorkSafeBC Investigation Summary: [Worker at forestry operation fatally struck by tree](#)

SAFER video: [In The Landing – In The Clear](#)