



INDUSTRY

SAFETY ALERT

Recent Serious Incidents

Date: August 2025

Details: WorkSafeBC regularly publishes summaries of recent work-related incidents based on preliminary information.

While these details may be subject to change as investigations progress, sharing them can help raise awareness and prevent similar injuries.

The latest bulletin includes the following 4 incidents related to harvesting operations:

Injury Type: Multiple injuries

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking / Helicopter logging

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2025-Jul

ID Number: 2025214400001

A worker was preparing to buck a log when another log, which had previously been assessed, rolled from above and struck them.

Injury Type: Fatal (1 worker)

Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2025-Jul

ID Number: 2025161750004

A worker was standing on a deck of logs, speaking to a log loader operator, when four of the logs rolled, striking and pinning the worker to the track of the log loader. The worker sustained fatal injuries.



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Injury Type: Injuries to head

Core Activity: Integrated forest management

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2025-Jun

ID Number: 2025161740021

A worker was changing a bushing on a leaf spring of a service truck. The worker used a chisel to keep the eyelet of the leaf spring open. The chisel ejected from the spring and struck the worker, breaking their safety glasses.

Injury Type: Fracture (1 worker)

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2025-May

ID Number: 2025194910007

A worker was assisting their falling partner, who was dealing with a 36-inch-diameter cedar tree. The first worker was about 20 feet back from the stump when they were struck by a 6-foot section of a slab that broke off from the cedar tree during the falling process.

The full bulletin is available here: [Recent incidents reported to WorkSafeBC](#)

Learnings & Suggestions:

- Share these incidents with your crew as appropriate
- Consider subscribing to [Enews - WorkSafeBC](#) to have incident summaries emailed directly to you.



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