



# INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

## Drone Use in Forest Operations: Not Without Risk

**Date:** September 2025

**Location:** Interior, BC

**Details:** A worker was conducting a drone flight on a cutblock as part of harvest completion reporting. The worker was attempting to land the drone on the tailgate of the pickup.

During the auto-landing procedure the drone made a sudden adjustment and misaligned with the tailgate. The worker saw that the drone was going to fall and instinctively reacted by reaching out to catch it.

This resulted in the drone blade contacting the employee's right little finger, causing a laceration that required medical attention.



### Learnings / Suggestions:

- NEVER touch the drone when it is running / blades spinning.
- Ensure Take-off and Landing areas are obstacle free and have adequate space.
- Always adhere to safe practices related to drone operation.

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