

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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On December 2nd, a worker was fatally injured while working on a cable yarding block near Prince George. 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 sixth 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. The forest industry and contractors are currently under tremendous pressure and this can create high levels of stress and distraction. It's vital that safe work continues and is supported during these difficult times. Look out for each other and don't ignore unsafe behaviour or conditions.
2. Workers being struck by logs or machinery is a significant risk. Designated safe zones are required for workers on foot who are located close to operating logging equipment. Read the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation [26.14.1 on Hazard Areas](#) and [26.14.2 on Safe Work Areas](#) for more guidance.
3. Cable yarding landing areas are high risk for incidents. Logs, heavy equipment and trucks are all moving on a small, often congested worksite. Good planning and communication are required to maintain safety in these areas.
4. Steep terrain is part of yarding worksites and creates the potential for logs and debris to move downhill. Stay out of the "cone of danger" that is created by upslope hazards.
5. Maintain a state of alertness even when jobs are repetitive. Bringing turns into the landing occurs regularly and usually without incident but it only takes one thing out of place for a serious injury to happen.

Resources:

[WorkSafeBC Video – Managing Risks in Cable Yarding](#)

[In the Landing - In the Clear Video – SAFER.ca](#)

[Phase Congestion Resources](#)