



# INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

## Saturated and icy roads result in several tip-overs

Winter's official start is fast approaching and already, road conditions are hazardous in many parts of BC.

Several recent incidents in the North Okanagan-Shuswap region have resulted in forest industry vehicle tip-overs and crashes due to saturated ground and early season icy roads.

These serve as a reminder that assessments need to be done and road conditions checked regularly – through DriveBC, local contacts/authorities and other professional drivers (by radio).

### **Incident 1 – Mid-November:**

A loaded log truck was negotiating a curve when the right-side tires came too close to the shoulder which was likely unstable due to recent rainfall. The driver brought the truck to a stop, and shortly after it tipped over into the ditch. The driver was not injured.

### **Incident 2 – Early December:**

A pick-up truck traveling east on Mabel Lake Road slid on icy surface conditions and rolled down an embankment, coming to a rest near a river. The driver sustained minor injuries. There was concern of possible fluid leakage into the river.

### **Incident 3 – Early December:**

An empty logging truck rolled over due to icy conditions as road maintenance had not yet been completed. The truck was severely damaged in the crash and the driver taken to hospital with undetermined injuries.



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## Learnings & Suggestions:

- Ensure crew safety meetings include review of winter driving conditions
- Communicate with road maintenance providers and report sections that are unsafe
- Test radio equipment and document travel plans
- Anticipate driving challenges, including mixed vehicle traffic on resource roads and highways and adapt driving to suit local conditions

## Resources & Information:

- Visit BC Forest Safety's [Winter Safety Resources](#) web page to help you prepare for winter conditions on the road.
- Additional resources and information are also available at [Road Safety At Work](#)

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