



MAG Members Participate in Safety Consultation Workshop and Carrier Lumber Facility Tour in Prince George

In November, MAG met in Prince George for its quarterly meeting, which included a private tour of Carrier Lumber’s facility. Participants observed advanced milling technology and learned that the company’s two Western Canadian mills collectively produce approximately 500 million board feet of lumber each year. During the tour, Carrier shared details of its comprehensive safety training program and demonstrated its innovative safety protocols. MAG thanks Carrier for the opportunity to visit the facility and learn more about its operations. 🌱



November MAG Workshop Overview: Strengthening JOHSC Consultation

Presented by the British Columbia Federation of Labour (BCFED)

The British Columbia Federation of Labour (BCFED) hosted a workshop that focused on boosting the effectiveness of Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees (JOHSCs). The session covered the core purpose of a JOHS Committee, the importance of due diligence and the legal requirements under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (OHSR) and the Workers Compensation Act (WCA).



During the workshop, MAG members learned how to conduct meaningful consultations, use committee mechanisms to support compliance and build consensus in the workplace. The workshop also addressed safety issues relating to combustible dust, chemical emergencies, investigations and strategic planning. Through interactive group breakout sessions, participants left better prepared to enhance workplace safety and improve JOHS Committee performance. 🌱

WorkSafeBC’s New Amendments to the Combustible Dust Regulation

WorkSafeBC’s revised Combustible Dust Regulation will come into effect on January 4, 2027. These amendments will replace the existing policies relating to wood dust and expand the scope to include all types of dust generated or handled in the workplace. The changes are intended to improve the effectiveness of dust hazard management and further strengthen a strong workplace safety culture.

Employers will be required to implement a systematic, long-term approaches to controlling and managing combustible dust hazards, including the development and ongoing maintenance of a combustible dust management program.

- [Part 6, Substance Specific Requirements, Combustible Dusts | Approved amendments with explanatory notes](#)
- [WorkSafeBC Combustible Dust Resource Toolbox](#)

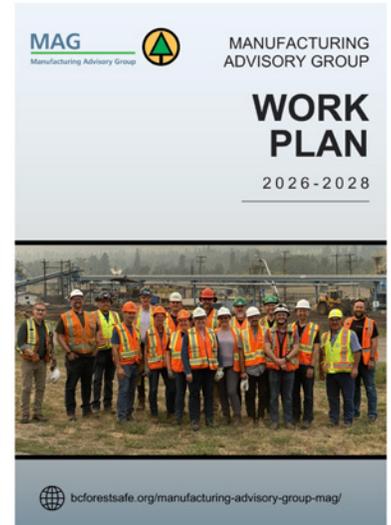
BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is currently updating its [online Combustible Dust training modules](#) to reflect these regulatory changes. Module updates are expected to be completed by the end of Q1.

BCFSC is committed to supporting industry throughout this transition. For assistance, please contact Bill Laturnus, Senior Safety Advisor, Manufacturing, via email at blaturnus@bcforestsafesafe.org. 🌱

MAG 2026-2028 Workplan Now Available

The MAG 2026–2028 Workplan outlines the committee’s priorities and planned activities to support continuous safety improvement in forest products manufacturing. The key focus areas include:

1. Leadership Training Development
2. Hazard ID and Control Program
3. Significant Incident Failure Potential (SIFp)
4. BCFSC/HSA Foundational Activities
 - MAG-Safe Audit Development and Oversight
 - MAG Share/Build Resources Program



In addition to the 2026–2028 workplan, the Manufacturing Advisory Group page provides a range of resources specific to forest products manufacturing. These include links to manufacturing-specific safety training, risk reduction reports, information on the MAG SAFE audit program, previous MAG workplans, safety innovations and workplace and worker resources such as safety alerts and crew talks. 🌱

Boost Your Safety Culture with Weekly Updates

Every Tuesday, BCFSC sends out a Crew Talk filled with practical safety tips to support your crew meetings. On Thursdays, we send out Manufacturing Safety Alerts that highlight recent incidents and share best practices to help avoid similar incidents in forest products manufacturing.

If you are not already receiving these free resources, you can subscribe to the weekly Manufacturing Safety Crew Talk and Safety Alert emails by visiting the BCFSC website.

Crew Talks and Manufacturing Safety Alerts are also available for download at any time on the BCFSC website. 🌱

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The BCFSC Crew Talk helps support a short (five minutes or less) safety conversation at the beginning of meetings, pre-job/shift meetings and/or JOHSC meetings.

- To subscribe to the Crew Talk of the week visit: bcforestsafe.org/resource/bcfsc-crew-talks/

The BCFSC Manufacturing Safety Alerts provides information on recent incidents and industry best practices in forest products manufacturing.

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SHARE WITH US
BCFSC welcomes all incident or near miss submissions. If you have an incident you'd like to share, please forward to: Bill.Laturnus@bcforestsafe.org
BCFSC will review and remove all identifying information to protect the worker, company and your privacy.

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Share Incidents and Near Misses

BCFSC encourages the sharing of incidents and near misses to support learning across the industry. If you have an incident you would like to share, please forward the details to blaturnus@bcforestsafe.org.

All submissions are reviewed and identifying information is removed to protect the privacy of both the worker and the company. 🌱