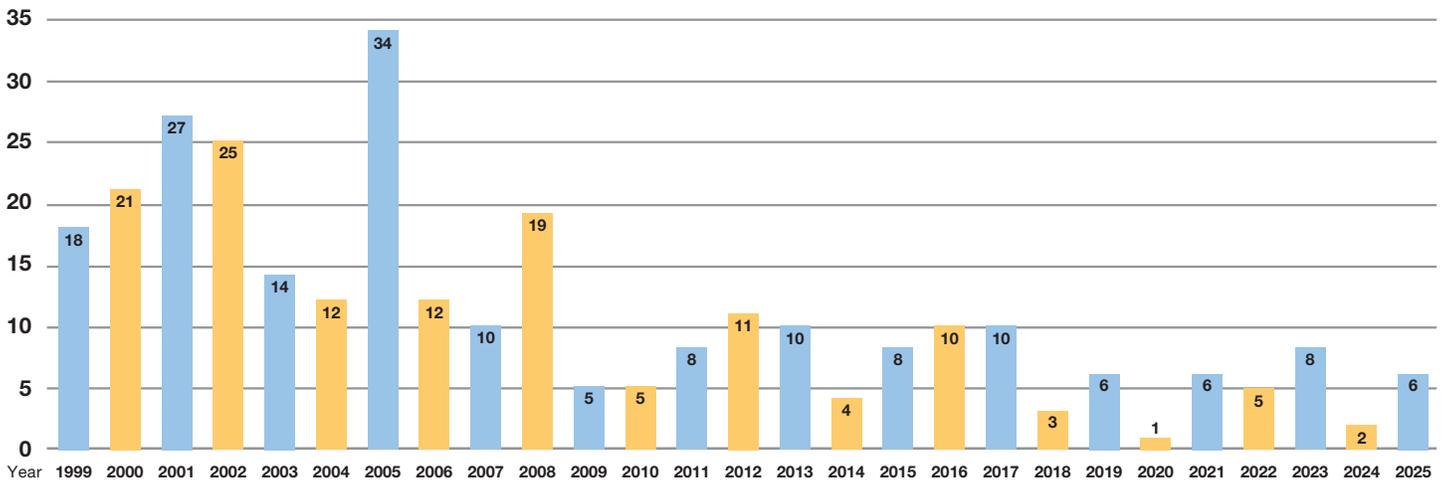




Work-Related Deaths & Injuries



WSBC Accepted Harvesting Work-related Death Claims



This information represents the number of harvesting work-related deaths by year in BC, up until February 2026.

Since our last publication, another work related fatality has occurred in the BC forestry industry, bringing the 2025 total to six. We extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased and to all those affected by this tragic loss.

FATALITIES

Injury: Fatal
Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging
Location: Northern BC
Date of Incident: Dec 2025

A worker at a cable yarding operation near Prince George was fatally injured on December 2 when they were struck by a tree being yarded to the roadside.

[Read the BCFSC Fatality Alert](#)

Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

The following sample of work-related incidents recently reported to WorkSafeBC may help prevent similar incidents in your workplace.

HARVESTING

Injury: Injuries to head
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC
Date of Incident: Oct 2025

A worker was descending a mobile staircase when they fell, striking the edge of a vehicle service pit before landing in it.

MANUFACTURING

Injury: Close call
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: BC
Date of Incident: Dec 2025
A fire started at a mill that had been shut down for the holiday season. A worker performing rounds observed smoke coming from a dry valve (fire suppression system) enclosure. The fire department extinguished the fire and no injuries were reported.

Injury: Injury to finger
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Interior BC
Date of Incident: Nov 2025
As a worker was stepping over a low-height conveyor, they placed a hand on its guard for balance. One of the worker's fingers went through a small hole in the guard and contacted the chain drive of the conveyor.

Injury: Close call
Core Activity: Pressed wood product manufacture
Location: Northern BC
Date of Incident: Nov 2025
A fire occurred in the blower stack at a pellet mill. The fire suppression system activated and extinguished the fire. The fire department attended the scene.

Injury: Injuries to hand
Core Activity: Veneer or plywood manufacture
Location: BC
Date of Incident: Nov 2025
A worker trying to clear the outfeed of a plywood patch-line activated a limit switch, causing a bundle of plywood (weighing about 2,000 pounds) to move toward the end of the outfeed conveyor. One of the worker's hands was caught between the plywood bundle and the conveyor end-stop.

Injury: Close call
Core Activity: Veneer or plywood manufacture
Location: Interior BC
Date of Incident: Nov 2025
A fire started in the planer at a sawmill. The mill's emergency response system was initiated, and workers controlled the spread of fire until fire departments arrived. No one was injured.

Injury: Close call
Core Activity: Pressed wood product manufacture
Location: Northern BC
Date of Incident: Oct 2025
A fire occurred at a pellet mill and resulted in a deflagration event. The employer's chemical suppression system extinguished the event. Workers later extinguished secondary smouldering. 🌱