

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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The RCMP has released the following information:

On August 17, 2026, at approximately 9:51 a.m., Golden-Field RCMP responded to a report of a serious workplace incident at a local forestry business in Golden.

The initial investigation indicates that a man was working alone on a logging truck when the vehicle moved, injuring him.

Golden-Field RCMP and BC Emergency Health Services attended the scene. Despite the efforts of first responders, the man was pronounced deceased.

An RCMP collision reconstructionist examined the scene, while Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement inspected the logging truck and found it to be in excellent mechanical condition.

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 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. Completing maintenance work might seem routine but it can be very high risk. Vehicles and machinery may not be working correctly and can move in unexpected ways. Complete a thorough risk assessment before starting and focus on sources of energy like gravity. What can roll, fall or shift and what can I do to control that movement?
2. Remember the phrase “Chock it, block it, lock it” to remind yourself of the best ways to prevent movement of vehicles and machinery. Chock the wheels, block any raised attachments or parts of the machine that might fall and shut off and lock out any sources of energy, for example don’t have the vehicle running.
3. When working alone have someone check on you regularly or better yet, have someone there to assist with the work and call for help if needed.
4. At your workplace, plan and practice emergency response. When developing your Emergency Response Plan, think about the safety of responders and how to help them act quickly and efficiently.

Resources:

[Working Under Vehicles – Worker Safety Resources](#)

[WorkSafeBC – Improperly secured vehicles put workers’ lives at risk](#)