Training Momentum Continued Throughout 2026

Participation in BCFSC training continued to grow in 2026, with more forestry workers and employers taking advantage of in-person and online courses available across the province.

Year-to-date, course completions reached **6,377**, compared to **4,832** during the same period in 2025. This increase shows that forestry companies and workers continue to make safety top of mind.

Some of the most popular online courses this year included:

- **Resource Road Driver Knowledge Unit:** More than 2,100 completions, including the new French version introduced this year. More than 10,000 people have now completed this free online training.
- **Introduction to Danger Trees:** 655 completions
- **Off-road Vehicle Knowledge Unit:** 243 completions
- **Basics of Due Diligence | Forest Supervisor:** 218 completions

In-person training also saw strong participation:

- **Resource Road Training | One- and two-day driver sessions:** 261 participants
- **MAG workshops covering a variety of safety topics for wood product manufacturing operations:** 179 participants
- **Basic Chainsaw Operator:** 96 participants
- **Basics of Incident Investigation:** 92 participants

Another 2026 highlight was the delivery of 16 requested training sessions to 119 participants in communities throughout BC, including Abbotsford, Campbell River, Duncan, Lumby, Nanaimo, Pitt Meadows, Prince George, Rossland, Skidegate and West Kelowna. Training sessions included Basics of Incident Investigation, Joint Health and Safety Committee Training, Forest Supervisor Training and Falling Supervisor Training.

Training participation is expected to grow even further, as November and December results are still pending and 17 partner organizations have yet to report their 2026 training completions.

Thank you to all the forestry companies, supervisors and workers who continue to invest in safety through BCFSC training. Building knowledge and skills remains one of the most effective ways to prevent injuries and keep everyone safe on the job.



Training Stronger Joint Health and Safety Committees

A Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) is a group of worker and employer representatives who work together to identify and address workplace health and safety concerns. Committee responsibilities include supporting workplace inspections and incident investigations, identifying hazards, and providing recommendations to the employer on programs, policies, and work processes.

To be effective, a JHSC requires both employer support and informed committee members. Employers play an important role in maintaining a strong safety culture by supporting regular meetings, establishing clear roles, implementing action-tracking processes, and encouraging open communication. Committee members must also understand their responsibilities and actively participate in identifying hazards, reviewing incidents, and making recommendations that contribute to a safer workplace.

In 2026, BCFSC delivered JHSC training by request to 60+ people in seven locations

Committee members are required to complete JHSC training to understand their legislated duties, responsibilities, and functions. One way to ensure members gain this knowledge is through BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) training delivered on request to workplaces throughout the province. In addition, ongoing training opportunities can help committee members stay current with regulatory requirements, emerging workplace hazards, industry best practices, and evolving workplace safety challenges.

BCFSC's full-day, in-person course provides fundamental knowledge of the requirements and responsibilities associated with belonging to a Joint Health and Safety Committee. Participants develop practical skills through a series of activities and exercises led by knowledgeable instructors. BCFSC can also work with host organizations to customize reference materials to better align with harvesting or manufacturing operations.

The course meets the training requirements for new joint committee members and worker health and safety representatives as outlined in section 3.27 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

Learn more and find Requested Training sessions by visiting the JHSC Course web page, or contact BCFSC at training@bcforestsafe.org.



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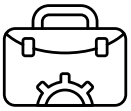

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