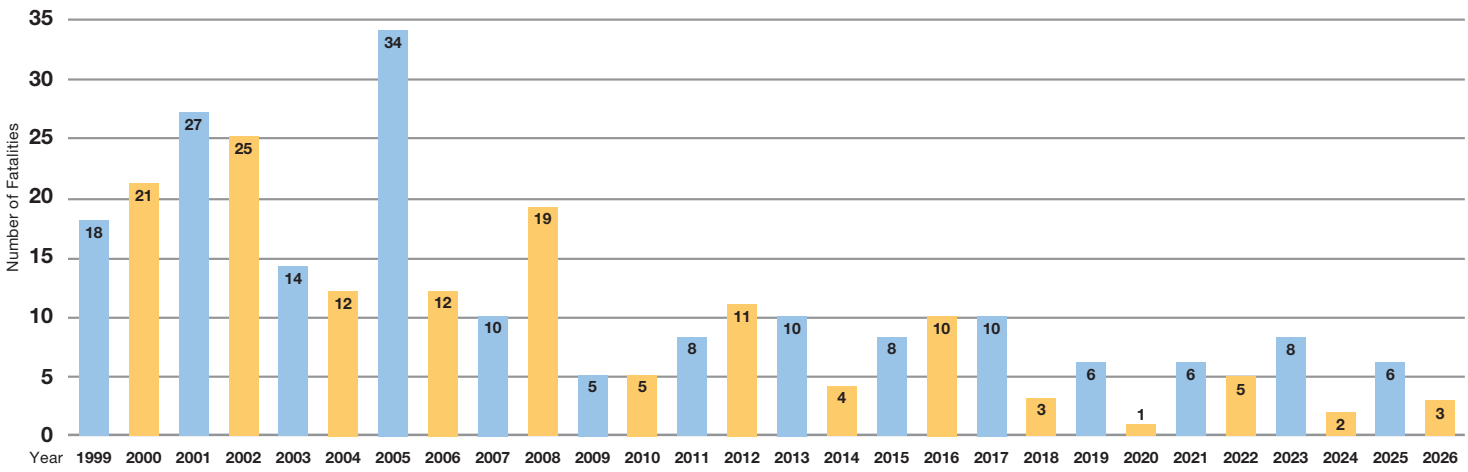
Work-Related Deaths & Injuries

WSBC Accepted Harvesting Work-related Death Claims



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

Since our last publication, another worker was fatally injured in BC's forestry industry. There have been three harvesting fatalities in 2026. We extend our deepest condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those who lost their lives, and to all those affected by these tragic events.

FATALITIES

Injury: Fatal
Location: Williams Lake, BC
Date of Incident: October 2026
On September 29th, 2026, a worker was fatally injured after being struck by a tree during a manual tree falling operation west of Williams Lake.

Read the BCFSC Fatality Alert

Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

The following is the list of work-related incidents recently reported to WorkSafeBC. We share these in the hope they may help prevent similar incidents from occurring in your workplace.

HARVESTING

Injury: Injuries to head
Core Activity: Brushing and weeding or tree thinning or spacing
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: July 2026
A worker was conducting work around a tree-trimming operation when they were struck by a branch dropped from about 30 feet above.

MANUFACTURING

Injury: Fractures
Core Activity: Wooden component manufacture
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: May 2026
As a worker walked past a recycling bin beside a walkway, they caught their foot on the bin and stumbled.

TRANSPORTATION

Injury: Smoke inhalation
Core Activity: Log hauling
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: June 2026
A worker was exposed to smoke when a fire occurred in the battery storage area of an excavator.