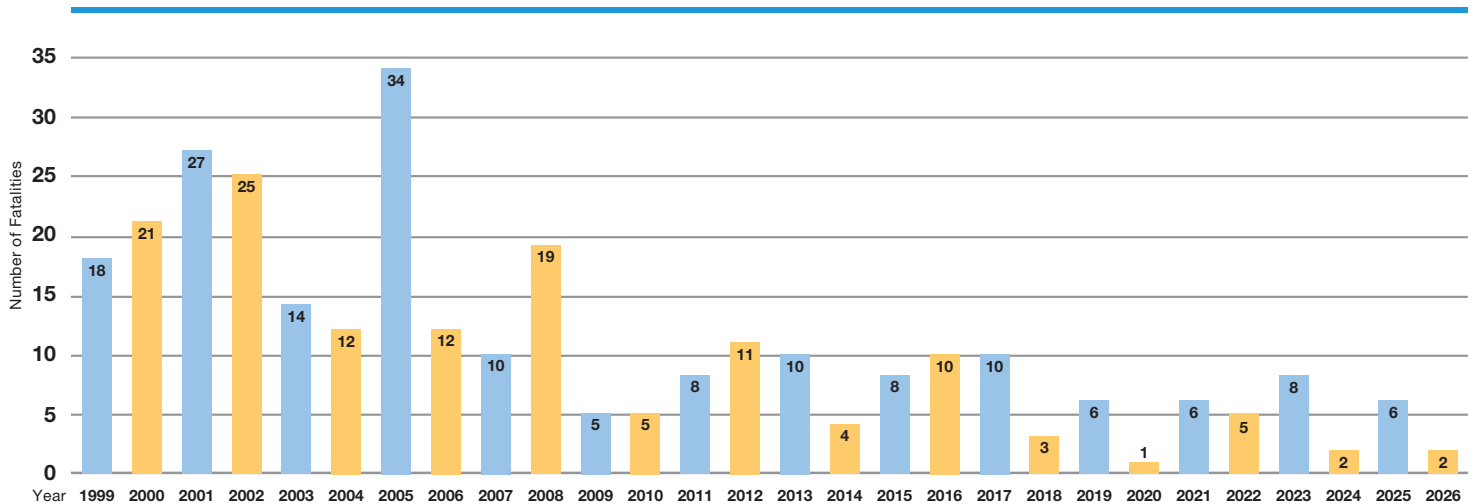




Work-Related Deaths & Injuries

WSBC Accepted Harvesting Work-related Death Claims



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

Since our last publication, three workers have been fatally injured in BC's forestry industry, bringing the total number of industry fatalities in 2026 to four. 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: Golden, BC
Date of Incident: August 2026

On August 17th, 2026, a worker was performing maintenance work under a logging truck with a trailer attached. The truck was parked on a slight incline. The truck moved down the incline and rolled over the worker. The worker was fatally injured.

[Read the BCFSC Fatality Alert](#)

Injury: Fatal
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC
Date of Incident: July 2026

On July 14th, 2026, a helicopter crashed near Loughborough Inlet on the BC coast, claiming the lives of the pilot and one passenger.

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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: Injury to lower body
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC
Date of Incident: June 2026

In a cutblock, a worker was hooking up a strawline to the haulback when they were struck by a 12.6-metre hemlock.

Injury: Multiple injuries
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking / Integrated forest management
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC
Date of Incident: April 2026

A faller was falling a 35-foot hemlock tree when they were struck by a large branch (10 to 12 feet long, 8 inches in diameter) that fell from the canopy.

Injury: Fractures, soft tissue injuries
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: March 2026

A grapple yarder had finished logging a road. The operator was walking the yarder to a new location on a slope of about 45 degrees when the machine tipped over onto its side.

MANUFACTURING

Injury: Injury to head, fractures
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: June 2026

As a worker was clearing a jam at the canter line using a 7-foot-long pike pole, they fell through a gap in the service platform to a moving conveyor about 15 feet below.

Injury: Fractures
Core Activity: Veneer or plywood manufacture
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: April 2026

A worker had exited their equipment and was working on foot in an area adjacent to an operating front-end loader. The front-end loader was piling bark debris and log end cut-offs. One of the loader's tires struck a log end cut-off, propelling it toward the worker on the ground.

Injury: Injuries to chest
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal BC
Date of Incident: April 2026

A worker was between two lifts of 8x8 lumber on a chain conveyor. The second lift moved forward on the chain conveyor, pinning the worker. 🚨