IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BC FOREST WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS

SAFETY ALERT OF THE MONTH

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Recreational Safety

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Whether you're injured at work or off the job, the consequences can be the same: lost income and a reduced quality of life. During recreational activities, people often focus on relaxing and having fun rather than on planning, preparation and safety. These tips can help you stay safe while enjoying your time off.

Safety Tips for Recreation

Safe Travel – Recreational activities often involve increased driving and travel to reach your destination. This may mean driving in poor weather, on unfamiliar roads, or while fatigued. Plan your trip carefully and allow plenty of time so you can slow down when conditions require it and take breaks when needed.

Don't Go It Alone – Recreating with friends or family is enjoyable and also safer. If there is an emergency, they can provide first aid or call for help.

Off Road Vehicles – Many people enjoy spending their recreational time using ATVs and UTVs. Rollovers are one of the primary hazards, so always wear the appropriate PPE, including a helmet. When operating or riding in a UTV, wear a seatbelt. Do not carry passengers on a single-rider ATV, as it affects handling and increases the risk of injury if an incident occurs.

Hunting Safety – Hunting season is still underway. If you're a hunter, always practice safe firearm handling, positively identify your target before shooting, and wear high-visibility clothing so you can be seen by other hunters.

Mountain Recreation – Winter is a great time to head to the mountains for some adventure but don't forget your avalanche safety gear and make sure your equipment (snowmobile, skis, body, etc.) are in shape to handle the terrain. Watch out for avalanche safety warnings and forecasts on Avalanche Canada's website.

Boating Safety – Winter conditions can bring high tides, rough waters, and flooding rivers. Conduct a thorough risk assessment before heading out on the water, monitor weather and conditions, and postpone your trip if conditions are unsafe.

Resources:

1) Avalanche Safety Training

2) Hunting Safety Tips



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BCFSC Latest News & Resources

Updated Course - Trainer - This free online course will help prepare you to deliver both on-the-job and classroom-based training for forest industry workers. It covers key topics such as developing effective lesson plans, applying best practices in training delivery, managing logistics, and addressing common challenges faced by trainers in the forestry sector.

Connection to Care Mental Health Program - The BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is proud to announce the launch of Connection to Care, a free, confidential mental health support service designed to help forestry workers across British Columbia.

Forest Safety News – read the latest issue of the FSN

BCFSC Training:

Nov 25 - 26 | Leadership and Communication for Forest Supervisors – Kamloops
This two-day classroom workshop provides participants with insights into their strengths and weaknesses, and how their personal style influences the workers they oversee.

Nov 27 | Basics of Incident Investigation - Kamloops
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