



SAFETY ALERT

OF THE MONTH

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Hazard Identification

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Forestry hazards can be difficult to spot due to changing weather, terrain and vegetation. Successfully identifying hazards requires time, focus and a willingness to search out the hazards rather than waiting for them to become obvious.

Hazard Identification Tips

Training and Practice - Make time every day to practice identifying hazards. Use tools like Field Level Hazard Assessment forms (linked in the Resources section below) to help you practice. Soon it will become a habit and you'll be identifying more hazards than ever before.

Second Opinion - Once you've identified all the hazards you can see, ask someone on your crew for their opinion. They will often spot something that you've missed or something that they consider a hazard that you don't. This is very valuable; you'll learn about what others consider hazardous and why.

Look up, look way up! - Hazards are not always going to be directly in front of you. Check for overhead hazards, do a 360-degree assessment (look up, down and all around), go for a walk and see what's over the hill. Try to anticipate what the future will bring and how that will create new hazards (for example, how will a weather or equipment change create new hazards).

Test Yourself – Can you spot at least 4 hazards in the photo below?





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Note: The photo has been modified to add hazards. See the answers at the end of page 3.

Resources:

- 1) [Welcome to Seeing Safely](#) - UBC webpage where you can practice identifying forest hazards
- 2) [Field Level Hazard Assessment forms](#)
- 3) [Video – Understanding Hazards and Risks](#)

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

FIRS App – The full version of the BCFSC FIRS App is now available to download from your App store. Use the FIRS App manage forms and documents for safety-related paperwork related to SAFE Companies and COR audit forms management.

BCFSC Training:

Oct 21 - 22 | [Due Diligence for Forest Supervisors – Nelson](#)

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

Oct 23 | [Basics of Incident Investigation – Nelson](#)

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation.

Oct 29 - 30 | [Due Diligence for Forest Supervisors – Kamloops](#)

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

Nov 3 - 6 | [Falling Supervisor – Campbell River](#)

Participants will learn the roles and responsibilities of a falling supervisor and will become familiar with processes used by a falling supervisor to support their due diligence.

Nov 5 - 6 | [Due Diligence for Forest Supervisors – Prince George](#)

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

Nov 16 - 17 | [Leadership and Communication for Forest Supervisors - Nelson](#)

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Nov 18 - 19 | [Leadership and Communication for Forest Supervisors – Prince George](#)

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Nov 20 | [Basics of Incident Investigation – Prince George](#)

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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](#)

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation.

Dec 2 - 3 | [Leadership and Communication for Forest Supervisors – Campbell River](#)

This two-day classroom workshop provides participants with insights into their strengths and weaknesses, and how their personal style influences the workers they oversee.

Dec 4 | [Basics of Incident Investigation – Campbell River](#)

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Hazard Answers: Heavy equipment working nearby, high unstable log deck, two dead danger trees, and a black bear.

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