

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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On September 20th, 2018 a forestry worker was fatally injured when the pick-up truck he was repairing moved unexpectedly. This incident happened in the Peace Country area of BC.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and our sympathies to all those affected by this incident.

This is the third harvesting fatality of 2018.

While this incident is still under investigation and details are still to be determined, please review the following safety information:

- 1) When performing maintenance work, follow all appropriate lock out procedures to secure the vehicle from moving. This includes parking in a level location, chocking wheels and engaging the emergency brake.
- 2) Working under a vehicle is a high risk activity. Follow the jack and vehicle manufacturer's instructions for safe jacking. Don't rely on the jack alone. Place additional supports under the vehicle, such as blocking, in case the jack fails.
- 3) Regularly inspect all equipment and vehicles for damaged or worn parts. Replace parts before they fail.
- 4) Upset conditions occur when there is an unplanned event such as a mechanical breakdown. Be aware that during upset conditions, workers are at a high risk of being injured.
- 5) Do not work alone during upset conditions or high risk activities. Having a work partner present will help with identifying hazards and thinking of safe solutions to the problem at hand.

Resources:

- 1) 2015 Alert – Worker Fatally Injured When a Service Truck Rolled Over Him
<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/node/2727>
- 2) Lockout Resource Package
http://www.bcforestsafe.org/files/res_Lockout.pdf