



# Faller Certification Information Package, Application and Waiver

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## Purpose:

The BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is committed to providing members and clients with exceptional service. This includes providing accurate information and guidance to prospective applicants to ensure they make informed decisions about the program.

BCFSC will ensure assessment and admission criteria are well publicized and applied consistently. All applicants will have clear access and lines of communication regarding the pre-requisites, assessment tools, admission requirements and dispute resolution guidelines.

Entry assessment tools and admission requirements enable potential applicants to clearly assess their own ability to meet required basic knowledge, skills and abilities to achieve program outcomes.

## Overview:

The BC Faller Training Standard was developed by WorkSafe BC and Industry to support faller certification and a new faller training program in BC. The BC Forest Safety Council, ENFORM and the BC WildFire Service are currently the only WorkSafeBC approved Administrators of the BC Faller Training Standard.

As an administrator of the BCFTS the BCFSC delivers a New Faller Training program which has been approved by the Board and meets Regulation 26:22. This process includes 30 days of one on one training, after which the trainee will enter into up to 180 days of training in industry.

During the up to 180 days of training, the New Faller Trainee must fill out *Faller Trainee Weekly Plan and Progress Reports* and have their supervisor sign them. They must provide at a minimum, 20 reports to the BCFSC, of which the last 5 must indicate the trainee is meeting or exceeding the standard in all areas. After these requirements are met they can apply for faller certification.

## Skills Challenge Requirements:

Experienced fallers challenging the 30 day training requirement are assessed on their demonstrated ability to apply this Standard.

There are strict WorkSafeBC criteria that must be followed. Fallers with training in other industries or jurisdictions who want to apply to challenge the requirement for 30 days of New Faller Training and proceed to their Skills Assessment for Faller Certification must provide specific documented training and work experience records.

Effective April 1, 2014, in response to direction from WorkSafeBC, the criteria for accepting challenges outside the BCFSC 30 days New Faller Training program are as follows:

1. The faller must have verifiable training that is acceptable to WorkSafeBC (eg from a training agency).



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2. The faller must have 2 years (60 days = 1 year) regular production falling experience in the period preceding the application. Seasonality may be considered, but this time period should not exceed 4 years prior to the date of application.
3. The faller must have conducted manual tree falling as his primary function. Duties must be comprised of manual tree falling and related duties, these duties include:
  - a. planning and constructing escape routes, dealing with dangerous trees, bucking felled trees and logs
  - b. establishing minimum and maximum distances between fallers and other workers
  - c. summoning and rendering assistance to manage a falling difficulty or dealing with an emergency
  - d. controlling the fall of trees and minimizing unnecessary brushing
  - e. using mechanical assistance to fall trees
  - f. ensuring the well-being of each faller and buckler

The faller must provide verifiable documentation from his employer that states the faller conducted falling duties for the required number of days. Acceptable documentation must include a reference and/or history of employment letter and one or more log books, or equivalent, (must include a detailed training and work history). The BCFSC requires all documentation to be signed by the employer.

The **training** requirement is a faller training certificate from BCFSC, Enform, BC Wildfire Service or a training agency from outside of BC.

The **experience** requirement depends on whether the applicant completed the BCFSC New Faller Training course or is challenging from another industry, or from out of jurisdiction.

See **Eligibility Requirements to Apply for Skills Assessment (for Faller Certification)** table next page for specific examples.



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## Eligibility Requirements to Apply for Skills Assessment (for Faller Certification):

Occupation/ Work Experience	Pre-Requisites for Forest Industry Faller Certification	
	TRAINING	EXPERIENCE
BCFSC trainee fallers	30 day training	Up to 180 days  20 <a href="#">weekly progress reports</a> (last 5 meet or exceed requirements)  Supervisor sign off
Enform certified fallers  BC Wildfire Service certified fallers	Enform Certification  BC Wildfire Service Certification	Must show evidence of 2 years (60 days = 1 year) regular production falling experience within last 2 years  Reference: G26.22(7) Forestry operation faller training - Challenge process  <a href="http://www2.worksafefbc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7">http://www2.worksafefbc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7</a>
Out of jurisdiction faller (not in BC)	Must provide verifiable training record from a training agency	Must show evidence of 2 years (60 days = 1 year) regular production falling experience within last 2 years  Reference: G26.22(7) Forestry operation faller training - Challenge process  <a href="http://www2.worksafefbc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7">http://www2.worksafefbc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7</a>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified Utility Arborists with, or without falling bucking endorsement (eg. Hydro)</li> <li>• Enform trainee faller (eg. oil&amp;gas/seismic line)</li> <li>• Silviculture Workers and Spacers</li> <li>• Parks and Municipal Workers</li> <li>• Agricultural Workers</li> <li>• Ski hill fallers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Does not meet requirement</b></p>	<p>Reference: G26.22(7) Forestry operation faller training - Challenge process</p> <p><a href="http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7">http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7</a></p>
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It is recommended that the applicant is interviewed by the BCFSC to determine if the requirements to challenge are met prior to submitting an application. If it is determined that experience and training does not meet the WorkSafeBC criteria, the only option is New Faller Training. The BCFSC website has further information regarding the [New Faller Training Course](#).

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For more information on the challenge process, refer to WorkSafeBC OHS Regulation and Guidelines:

## 26.22 Forestry operation faller training

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/Part26.asp#SectionNumber:26.22>

## G26.22(7) Forestry operation faller training - Challenge process

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/ohsregulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.21>

### Occupational Competency Standard:

An occupational [competency standard](#) outlining the major duties and related tasks included in hand falling, as well as the necessary knowledge and skills are available upon request.

### Assessment Process:

Applicants will be advised of their application status by mail. Successful applicants will receive a reference package with various reference materials to assist in preparing for their assessment.

The Skills Assessment for Faller Certification will be performed by a Qualified Supervisor/Trainer (QS/T) and has been designed to ensure fairness and consistency.

A QS/T will contact the applicant to review the process of the skills assessment and to coordinate a suitable time and location.

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply a suitable site for their Skills Assessment. Please refer to our [timber-site guidance document](#) on criteria that constitutes a suitable site.

The assessment is a four part process to evaluate the applicant's technical competency, safe work practices, professionalism, knowledge and skills as a faller. **Note:** *Parts 1 & 2 are not applicable to New Faller Training graduates.*

1. [Field Competency Skills Assessment](#);
2. BC Faller Training Standard –Written Exam (50 questions multiple choice);
3. [BC Faller Training Standard – Field Examination & Evaluation](#);
4. BCFSC subject-matter-expert document review and sign off.



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**Note:** Each part of the assessment must be successfully completed in order to proceed to the next part:

- All decision points in the field competency skills assessment must be signed off in order to proceed to the written exam.
- A passing grade of 75% or higher must be achieved on the written exam in order to proceed to the field examination and evaluation.
- Applicants must also score a minimum of 75% on the Field Examination & Evaluation.
- Circumstances beyond the QS/T and applicant's control could also result in the assessment ending prematurely. In this circumstance, the assessment will be re-scheduled. Examples may include inclement weather conditions (wind, rainfall limits, excessive, snowfall), wildlife, or licensee cancellations

## **BCFSC Administrative Guidelines regarding Assessments that are stopped for safety concerns:**

Assessments will be stopped if the applicant is unprepared or if the QS/T has any safety concerns.

Every effort is made to ensure BCFSC Falling Programs are delivered safely and effectively. BCFSC supports their trainers in communicating and enforcing consequences of any risk and safety violations.

Examples of reasons that may trigger a **STOP and fail** include but are not limited to:

- Major safety infraction(s) by the Faller including breaking any one of the [Designated High Risk Violations: Hand Falling or Bucking](#) or conducting an action that is a [designated high risk violation](#). See the reference materials for more information on the Designated High Risk Violations: Hand Falling or Bucking and designated high risk violations;
- The Faller does not grasp the key concepts in safely falling and bucking trees;
- The Faller is not physically able to fall trees;
- The Faller is not mentally prepared or has an unacceptable attitude. This includes abusive or bullying behaviour, unprofessional conduct, etc. and any other reason that threatens the safety of the QS/T, Faller or any other person.

BCFSC administrative process varies depending if the applicant is a Skills Challenge applicant or a New Faller Trainee applicant. See below.

## **Skills Challenge Applicants (out of jurisdiction):**

- Skill's Challenge applicants from other jurisdictions will not be eligible for another skills assessment if they fail the field competency skills assessment or the field exam until they have taken training acceptable to WorkSafeBC.



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- If the assessment is stopped because the applicant was unprepared eg. Unacceptable ERP or PPE, the applicant may pay for and schedule another skills assessment.

## BCFSC New Faller Trainees:

- BCFSC New Faller Trainees that fail must continue working in their 'up to 180 days' and apply for re-assessment, including pay another assessment fee. After an additional 8 *Faller Trainee Weekly Plan and Progress Reports* have been submitted that meet or exceed requirements and a further sign off by their supervisor, they may re-challenge the Skills Assessment for Faller Certification.
- If the assessment is stopped because the applicant was unprepared eg. Unacceptable ERP or PPE, the applicant may pay for and schedule another skills assessment.
- Upon review of the assessment by the BCFSC office, if the requirements of the BCFTS are met, a Fallers Log book and certification card will be issued. This process typically takes two weeks depending on current work volumes. The QS/T cannot advise applicants of their status.

## Accommodations & Food Requirements:

Accommodations and meals are the responsibility of the applicant.

## Equipment and Supplies:

It is the applicant's responsibility to have the necessary [equipment and supplies](#). Applicants are reminded that they are responsible for the safe keeping of their equipment and supplies. Applicants that require further information regarding the equipment required for the assessment can reference the BC Faller Training Standard Info Flips included with the reference package.

## Insurance Coverage:

Applicants are responsible for their own Workers Compensation insurance coverage for their Skills Assessment. A copy of insurance including an active number is required with the application.

In order to process your application, please ensure it is FULLY COMPLETED, signed and dated.

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## Refunds/Withdrawals:

The BCFSC is a not-for-profit organization. The refund/withdrawal guidelines are in place to ensure that costs associated with performing falling activities are covered e.g. the assessor's time is valuable and these costs still need to be recovered with short notice cancellations.

1. Application fees are fully refundable if application is declined.
2. There will be no refunds for cancellations with less than **72 hour notice**. Fallers who miss appointments without the 72 hour notice will be required to pay for an additional assessment.
3. A refund, or further attempt, may, or may not be granted for Skills Assessments that are stopped depending on the situation. Reference the [BCFSC Administrative Guidelines regarding Assessments that are stopped](#) section within this document for further detail.

## References Include:

WorkSafeBC Regulation Part 26:

- <http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/Part26.asp#SectionNumber:26.20.1>

BC Faller Training Standard Info Flips:

- <http://www2.worksafebc.com/Portals/Forestry/FallingAndBucking.asp?ReportID=31674>

## Dispute Resolution:

The BC Forest Safety Council has a four (4) step dispute resolution process that will be applied in the event of any disputes.

**Step 1:** Individuals are expected to deal directly with the affected party to which a disagreement has ensued. It is important to ensure clear mutual understanding of expectations and resulting disagreements. Individuals are encouraged to attempt to resolve conflicts or disputes as soon as possible in an informal and respectful manner.

If a conflict occurs, a direct approach is expected with clear explanation of: 1. The specific situation; 2. The result/outcome of the situation; 3. A proposed resolution.





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If the parties cannot reach a mutually agreeable resolution, the complainant may proceed to dispute resolution through the organizational structure of BCFSC.

**Step 2:** If, after working with the trainers/supervisors the complainant is not satisfied with the outcomes/decisions, the disputed may escalate to the BCFSC Administrator in writing (email). Explanation to include: 1. The situation; 2. The complaint plus the defense; 3. The recommended resolution.

The BCFSC Coordinator will work with the falling manager to resolve the issue and determine the outcome/decision. The BCFSC Coordinator will respond to the complainant personally by telephone and follow up with an emailed written response.

**Step 3:** If, after working with the BCFSC Coordinator the complainant is not satisfied with the outcomes/decisions, the dispute may escalate to the Falling Manager. The Falling Manager will make every effort to assist in the resolution of a dispute, including and notwithstanding the further investigation, review and evaluation of the situation or demonstrated behaviors and practices.

**Step 4:** If, after working with the Falling Manager the complainant is not satisfied with the outcomes/decisions, the complainant can contact the Forest Safety Ombudsman who will investigate the situation and make final decision on the dispute.

## Re-certification Requirements:

Currently there are no re-certification requirements in Regulation. Fallers will be notified in writing of any program changes. Current information can be found on the website or in the BCFSC newsletter.

## Further Information:

For more information about the application and assessment requirements please visit the BCFSC web site: <http://www.bcforestsafe.org/node/2516> or contact:

Falling Department

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## APPLICATION FORM – SKILLS ASSESSMENT FOR FALLER CERTIFICATION

**IMPORTANT:** PLEASE REVIEW THE ASSOCIATED INFORMATION PACKAGE THAT EXPLAINS THE SKILLS ASSESSMENT PROCESS IN DETAIL PRIOR TO APPLICATION.

**NOTE:** IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE ENSURE IT IS FULLY COMPLETED, SIGNED AND DATED.

### A. Personal Contact Information *(complete fully and print clearly)*

Legal First Name:		Legal Middle Name(s):		Legal Last Name:	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):			Gender:		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Mailing Address:					
City:			Province/State:		
Country:			Postal Code:		
Phone Number:		Cell Phone Number:		Email:	
Preferred means of contact:					
Emergency Contact Name:			Emergency Contact Phone Number:		

### B. Geographic Location

Please indicate your geographic location:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Mainland | <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver Island |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Okanagan       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kootenays        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Omineca        | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Thompson   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skeena         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cariboo          |

### C. Assessment Location

Please indicate the nearest town/community/camp where you could meet the assessor:



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## D. Special Circumstances

*Indicate special circumstances that might affect scheduling of your assessment for faller certification. (For example, if you are unavailable certain times or require advance notice to be available for the assessment.)*

## E. Training

- Please check the box that you have attached certificates or documentation to verify training pre-requisites are met.

[http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22\\_7](http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7)

## F. Work Experience

- Please check the box that you have attached copies of log books and/or signed reference letters that indicate activity and length of employment to demonstrate how work experience pre-requisites are met

[http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22\\_7](http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7)

**Note:** The BCFSC may require additional information from the provided references. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that contact information is available on the reference letter(s) and the references respond when contacted by the BCFSC. If your reference cannot be contacted, it will result in your application being delayed.



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## G. Guidelines & Signature

### Workers Compensation

Applicants are responsible for arranging their own Workers Compensation insurance coverage for their Skills Assessment.

- Please check the box that you have attached a copy of your active Workers Compensation Insurance coverage.

### Program Guidelines

- Please check the box that you have read the information package and agree to the program guidelines.

### Privacy Statement

The BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is committed to protecting the privacy of any personal information you provide when submitting an application form to us. The BCFSC complies with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and discloses the information that could be shared with other parties.

Your financial information is only used for the purpose of the application and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Your faller certification information will be used for the following purposes:

- your involvement in the Faller Certification program
- verification of your faller status in the SAFE Companies program
- confirmation of faller certification status directly to employers, or the BCFSC website
- compliance with WorkSafeBC


Other than the reasons above, your confidential information will not be disclosed to third parties. Your information is valuable and we ensure all reasonable measures are taken to protect it.

- Please check the box that you have read and agree to the privacy statement.



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<p><b>Attestation</b></p> <p>I attest that the information I have provided is complete and accurate; and I authorize the BCFSC to verify its accuracy. I understand and agree that if I provide untrue information and/or false documents, this will lead to my certification being denied or deemed invalid.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please check the box that you agree to the attestation.</p>				
<b>Applicant Name (Print):</b>	<b>Applicant Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
<b>H. Payment Information</b> ( <i>payment processed upon application approval</i> )				
<p><b>Application Fee:</b>     <b>\$1312.50</b> (\$1250 + \$62.50 GST)</p>				
<p><i>Paid by:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Cheque (<i>payable to BC Forest Safety Council</i>)                      <input type="checkbox"/> Visa                      <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard</p>				
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<p><i>Cardholder's Signature:</i></p>				
<p>Major tenure holders also have the option to submit a purchase order. Contact us for information.</p> <p><b>APPLICATION PROCESSING</b></p> <p>It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate how each requirement is met. Applications will not be processed if they are incomplete. Note: BCFSC will not process payment until the application is approved. No charges will be applied if the application is declined.</p> <p><b>Send completed form to the BC Forest Safety Council by:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email: <a href="mailto:faller@bcforestsafe.org">faller@bcforestsafe.org</a></li> <li>2. Fax: 250-741-1068</li> <li>3. Mail: Attention: BC Faller Certification Program 420 Albert Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 2V7</li> </ol>				



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Questions? Call us toll-free: 1-877-741-1060 or go to our website [www.bcforestsafe.org](http://www.bcforestsafe.org)

A Faller's Log book and BCFSC Faller card will be issued on successful completion and review of the assessment. This process typically takes two weeks depending on current volumes.

Please also complete the program waiver and return with your application.

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Application # (4 digit system assigned):	
Date Payment Received:	
Date Falling Info Flips & Reference Package sent:	
Approved By:	
Date Approved:	
QS/T Assigned:	
Notes:	



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## BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL FALLER EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK and RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

**WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to have my competence in manually falling trees evaluated so that, if I achieve the relevant prescribed standards, I may become certified as a faller in the Province of British Columbia.

I am fully aware that, in spite of the use by me and others involved in my transportation and evaluation of all applicable safe practices, standards, vehicles and equipment, and in spite of the fact that I and the others involved in my evaluation take all reasonable precautions, the falling of trees is an inherently extremely dangerous activity which is known to cause injury, death and damage. I acknowledge and agree that, in traveling to, attending at and participating in the evaluation process and performing tasks that may be required of me in order to complete my evaluation so that I may become a certified faller, I will be subject to material foreseeable risks which may result in serious injury to my person or other persons; my death or the death of other persons; or damage to my property or the property of others. I acknowledge and agree that factors affecting my safety and the safety of others involved in my evaluation include, among other things, rough or uneven terrain; vehicle or equipment failure; poor visibility; weather conditions including snow, rain and wind; fire; the proximity of other trees and obstacles; undetectable defects in trees; the results of unpredictable directions of fall; traveling on gravel roads to remote field sites; poor road conditions; dangerous traffic; and the negligent acts or omissions of other persons, the meaning of which includes failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances and failure to meet standards of care in any activity forming part of my transportation and evaluation, including a failure to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of my transportation and evaluation.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL (THE "COUNCIL") AGREEING THAT THE COUNCIL AND ITS CONTRACTORS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES MAY BE ENGAGED TO TRANSPORT ME TO THE LOCATION AT WHICH I WILL BE EVALUATED; AND TO EVALUATE MY COMPETENCE IN FALLING TREES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MY POSSIBLE CERTIFICATION AS A FALLER, I AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY ACTIVITIES I UNDERTAKE IN CONNECTION WITH FALLER EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THOSE RISKS DESCRIBED ABOVE. I FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE COUNCIL, ITS CONTRACTORS, EMPLOYEES,



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AGENTS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND VOLUNTEERS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, COSTS OR EXPENSES (INCLUDING LEGAL FEES) WHICH MAY IN ANY MANNER ARISE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE AS THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT IN WHOLE OR IN PART OF, OR IN CONNECTION IN ANY MANNER WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN, THE TRANSPORTATION AND FALLER EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF SUCH CLAIMS, DEMANDS, COSTS OR EXPENSES RELATE IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO OR DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER INCLUDING, NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY DUTY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE IMPOSED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 337 OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE COUNCIL OR ITS CONTRACTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND VOLUNTEERS AND ALSO INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON PART OF ANY OF THOSE PERSONS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF MY TRANSPORTATION AND THE EVALUATION REFERRED TO ABOVE .

I agree to fully accept and immediately abide by all instructions given to me by the persons involved in my transportation and evaluation regarding technical matters, and particularly matters relating to safety. I acknowledge that the Council cannot and does not warrant or make any representation regarding the safety of any vehicle, land, worksite, structure, equipment or program used in connection with my transportation or evaluation.

I represent and warrant to the Council that I have at least two years' experience in falling trees in a production environment as outlined in the WorkSafe BC Guideline, (Reference: G26.22(7) Forestry operation faller training - Challenge process [http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22\\_7](http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.22_7))

and am knowledgeable regarding safe operation of chain saws and other equipment used in manual tree falling. I represent and warrant to the Council that I am in good physical condition and am not on any medication which might affect in any way my ability to participate safely and effectively in the evaluation and certification program. Further, I know of no reason, medical or otherwise, why I cannot safely and effectively participate in all faller transportation, evaluation and certification activities. I acknowledge that the Council is relying on these representations and warranties in agreeing to my participation in faller transportation, evaluation and certification activities.

THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SERVE AS A RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, FAMILY, ESTATE, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR ASSIGNS.

*I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.*

*I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ITS TERMS AND EXECUTE IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM ENTITLED TO AND HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SEEK INDEPENDENT LEGAL OR ADVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM AND MY EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT.*





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Signed:
Name:
Date:

Witness:
Name:
Date:

I agree that any photos or videos taken of me may be used by the BC Forest Safety Council and its agents/representatives. I understand that these images may appear in newsletters, on the internet, in social media, public relations, promotional, educational, training, publicity and marketing materials. I freely give my consent to such current and future uses. I waive my rights, and release the BCFSC from any and all claims arising from the ownership or use of my image.