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Log Yard Safety

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Log storage and sort yards are common forestry worksites with unique hazards.



Review the following best practices and resources with your log yard crew:

- Pedestrian and mobile equipment interaction is high risk due to limited operating space, vulnerability of workers on foot, and visibility restrictions of heavy equipment. [Watch this video](#) on how to stay “In the Clear” in a dryland sort.
- All log yards are different. Ensure you get a safety orientation for each site you visit. Each worksite will have specific safety procedures that must be followed closely to keep everyone safe.
- Situational awareness is critical for busy worksites like log yards. Situational awareness means:
 - being aware of what is happening around you
 - knowing your location on site
 - knowing where you are supposed to be
 - knowing if anything around you is a threat to your safety
- Debris can build up quickly, creating tripping and falling hazards. Follow good housekeeping procedures to keep the site as clear as possible.



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- Unloading log trucks can be a high-risk operation: falling loose logs, tripping bunks and large equipment with limited visibility. During unloading, the safest location for a driver is in front of or inside their truck.
- Remember the keys to log yard safety:
 - Always following procedures
 - Maintaining good communication with other workers and operators

Resources:

- [Fatality alert – A worker was fatally injured after being impacted by a loader](#)
- [Alert – Log slips from load at dryland sort](#)



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BCFSC Bulletin - News and Updates

BCFSC Latest News & Resources

[Forest Safety News](#) – September (Fall) Issue of the Forest Safety Newsletter

[Training Course Catalogue](#) – We have a new look to our Course Catalogue. Keep your safety training current and find courses easily with our new filterable course catalogue.

[Vancouver Island Safety Conference](#) – Save the Date! The Vancouver Island Safety Conference returns in-person on Saturday, October 29th, 2022 at the Nanaimo Conference Centre. [Register today](#) and save your spot for this FREE safety conference.

[Leadership in Safety Awards Nominations](#) – Nominations for leaders in forestry safety are now open. Your nomination can be an individual, crew, team, division, contractor, company, supplier, consultant, trainer, etc. that deserves to be recognized for outstanding safety leadership or achievements. Award recipients are showcased during the VISC Conference which returns this year on Saturday, October 29th in Nanaimo. [Visit Leadership in Safety Awards](#) for more information.

[WorkSafeBC - New Requirements for Refusing Unsafe Work](#) - Workers' ability to refuse work if they believe it's unsafe is a fundamental right. Recent amendments to the OHS Regulation clarify this right, and employers are now required to inform workers about a previous work refusal before reassigning the refused work.

[BCFSC Webinar – Tips to Successfully Transition into Supervisor](#), Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm (PST). Register for this valuable webinar on how to transition into a Supervisor hosted by facilitator Shannon Overland. Principal Consultant at Dekra Insights.

[BCFSC FIRS App](#) - Forest Industry Reporting System is a FREE resource available to all BCFSC Members. Learn more.

BCFSC Training:

Upcoming Classroom Training

October 17-21 | [Falling Supervisor – Nelson](#)

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.

October 20 | [Forest Supervisor Communication – Campbell River](#)

This one-day classroom workshop will help supervisors and managers improve their communication skills at work.



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October 21 | [Forest Supervisor Leadership and Professionalism – Campbell River](#)

This one-day classroom workshop will help participants understand their strengths and weaknesses, and to recognize how their personal style impacts the workers they supervise.

Refer to the [Training section of our website](#) for more information on upcoming classroom training and costs.

Online Training

Phase Congestion Training – This free interactive online training course is available to help supervisors and workers better understand how to safely integrate phases and prevent phase congestion. The training provides realistic logging scenarios and was developed with the input of industry experts. Click here to self-enroll: [Online Learning Centre – BC Forest Safety Council](#)

Wood Products Manufacturing Supervisor Training Program – The complete set of six free online courses for the Wood Products Manufacturing Supervisor Training Program are now all available at no charge for BC forest companies. Click here to self-enroll: [Online Learning Centre – BC Forest Safety Council](#)

Worker Assessment and Training

Each forestry occupation requires different knowledge and skillsets to perform the job at hand. BCFSC worked with industry to develop competency-based standards, training and assessment tools to help employers evaluate workers and complete on-the-job training.

Check out our [FREE online training and assessment forms](#) for Basic Forest Workers, Yarding, Mechanized Harvesting and Road Building.