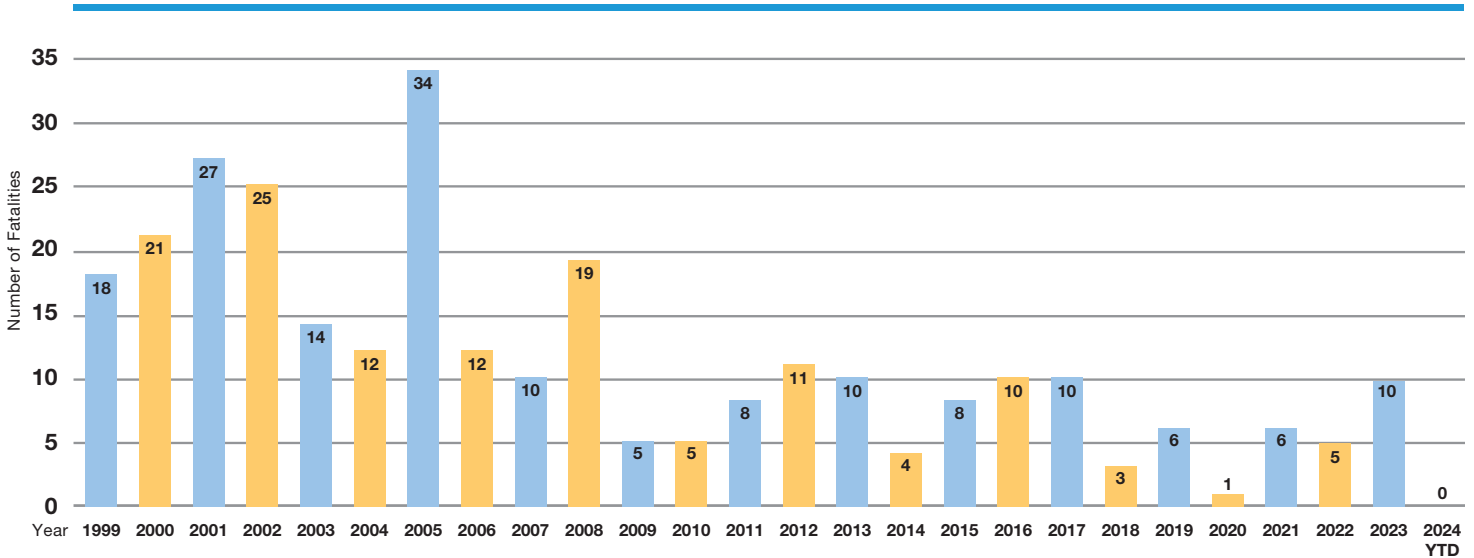




# Work-Related Deaths & Injuries



## WSBC Accepted Harvesting Work-related Death Claims



This information represents the number of work-related deaths by year in BC, up until June 2024.

For 2024 year-to-date, there have been no work-related deaths in the BC forestry industry.

### Recent work-related incidents reported to WorkSafeBC

The following sample of work-related incidents recently reported to WorkSafeBC may help prevent similar incidents in your workplace.

#### HARVESTING

**Injury:** Fracture  
**Core Activity:** Integrated forest management  
**Location:** Vancouver Island/Coastal BC  
**Date of Incident:** Feb 2024  
 A grapple yarder operator was clearing lines after a road change. As they tight-lined, the slack puller cable broke at the termination point. The operator boomed down to re-thread the cable in the boom, then walked out onto the backstop adjacent to the boom and started threading the cable. The cable became hung-up on the drum, and as the operator pulled it free, the operator fell about 10 feet and landed on the grapple below.

**Injury:** Contusions and abrasions  
**Core Activity:** Field work services  
**Location:** Interior BC  
**Date of Incident:** Feb 2024  
 A young worker was standing at the side of a landing as a skidder pulling logs was passing. A tree from the other side of the landing swept across behind the skidder load and knocked down the worker.

#### MANUFACTURING

**Injury:** Injuries to hand  
**Core Activity:** Sawmill  
**Location:** Lower Mainland  
**Date of Incident:** March 2024  
 A young worker was attempting to clear lumber on a transfer deck. The worker stumbled and as they tried to break their fall, they inadvertently put their hand in an exposed chain socket. The drive chain's guarding was on a hinge that had been left open, perhaps from earlier maintenance or cleaning activities.

**Injury:** Close call  
**Core Activity:** Sawmill  
**Location:** Northern BC  
**Date of Incident:** March 2024  
 Three workers were moving an electric motor (weighing about 2,000 pounds) using a chain hoist attached to an overhead gantry system. The gantry collapsed and fell to the floor, narrowly missing the three workers.

**Injury:** Close call  
**Core Activity:** Sawmill  
**Location:** Northern BC  
**Date of Incident:** Feb 2024  
 A fire occurred in a sawmill filing room, damaging the walls and some parts of the electrical system.

**Injury:** Injury to finger  
**Core Activity:** Sawmill  
**Location:** Northern BC  
**Date of Incident:** Jan 2024  
 A worker was trying to unjam a chain at the front end of the sorter bins when one of their fingers was pinched between the chain and the sprocket. 🚨