

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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On October 2nd, a forestry worker was fatally injured when the float plane they were in overturned during landing in an area northeast of Port Hardy, BC. The Transportation Safety Board and the Coroners Service are currently investigating this incident.

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

This is the first harvesting fatality of 2024.

This incident is under investigation and details are still to be determined. Contributing factors to the incident are not available during an ongoing investigation.

Consider the following safety points:

1. Ensure you are familiar with all flight safety standards established by your employer and/or flight services provider.
2. Prior to the flight, discuss flight conditions with your air service provider to confirm weather conditions are appropriate, at both the take-off and landing locations. This is especially critical during conditions with potential for poor visibility, high winds and limited daylight.
3. Passengers should actively listen and ask questions during the aircraft safety briefing. Knowing the location of the exits and survival equipment is vitally important and is critical during an emergency.
4. Work with the pilot and listen to their instructions to properly load the aircraft. Weight restrictions, aircraft balance requirements and transportation of dangerous goods procedures must be followed.
5. Passengers have the right to terminate the flight if they feel conditions are unsafe. The pilot should find a safe landing location, discuss the passenger's concerns and develop a safe course of action.
6. Underwater egress training is important and highly recommended for regular float plane passengers. Consider taking a refresher course if your training has expired.

Resources:

- [BCFSC Air Operations Safety Resources](#)
- [Flying Safe Video](#)