



# Falling



## Reminder: New Weekly Training Progress Reports

In the June edition of Forest Safety News, the BCFCSC introduced a new Weekly Training and Progress Report document. The old Weekly Progress Report document will continue to be accepted until December 31, 2024. Starting January 1, 2025, we will only accept the updated document. 📄

**Faller Trainee Weekly Training And Progress Report**

BCFCSC Office Use Only: Date Received: Report Number: Number of Accepted Reports on File:

Report is:  Approved  Not Approved  Not Approved in last 5 Reports

Comment:

Verifier Name: Verifier Signature: Date Reviewed:

Trainee Name: Employer Name:

Employer Contact Information: Phone: Email:

Trainer Name: Trainer's BCFCSC Faller ID #:

Date Range of Training Report: Start: End: Year:

Nearest Town: Block #: Number of Days Worked:

Geographical Location:  South/Mid Coast  North Coast/Haida Gwaii  Vancouver Island  Peace  Thompson/Okanagan  Omineca/Skeena  Kootenays  Cariboo

Timber Type:  Old Growth  Second Growth  Slope:  Less than 30%  30-60%  Over 60%

Diameter:  6 - 12"  12 - 18"  18 - 24"  24 - 36"  Over 36"

Harvesting Method:  Cable  Hoe Chuck  Heli  RW  Skid  Other

Industry:  Forestry/Production  Oil and Gas  BCWS  Other

Description of weekly falling and training plan:

Is this week's training a new or different: Timber type or terrain:  Yes  No Harvesting method:  Yes  No

Please explain:

The person supervising a trainee must evaluate the trainee's work on a weekly basis and keep records of all inspections.

- A minimum of 20 approved reports within a 2-year time period is required by BCFCSC. The total reports must indicate that a minimum of 80 days of training took place and that it was in a forestry/production type setting.
- The last 5 reports MUST indicate the trainee worked on and is consistently meeting ALL parts of the BCFTS.
- After having 20 approved training reports on file, the trainee may request that their trainer complete the Supervisor/Trainer Declaration on page 4 indicating that the trainee is ready to challenge for faller certification.
- The BCFCSC will arrange a minimum of 3 quality assurance visits during the training. These visits are intended to monitor training progression and offer support as needed to the trainer and trainee.
- The reports are to be completed by the trainer, signed, and dated and by both the trainer and trainee.
- Submitted incomplete reports may be returned for correction or possibly disqualified, at the discretion of the BCFCSC verifier.
- Only fallers certified with the BCFCSC are permitted to complete and sign the report as the trainer.
- Training reports must be submitted to the BCFCSC within 2 months of the work taking place or will not be accepted.

A copy of completed weekly reports can be submitted to the BC Forest Safety Council by either:

- Email: [faller@bcforestsafe.org](mailto:faller@bcforestsafe.org)
- Fax to the BCFCSC Nanaimo office: (250) 741-1068

Questions? Contact the BC Forest Safety Council toll-free at 1-877-741-1090 or by email at [faller@bcforestsafe.org](mailto:faller@bcforestsafe.org)

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Trainees must consistently demonstrate knowledge of the following:

ERP  Onsite First Aid  Falling Plan  Alternate Falling Means  Qualified Assistance  Man-Checks

Comment:

Observations during this report: Only mark the sections that were observed or discussed during this week. Refer to the BCFTS guidance document for the standards required to mark meeting for each section.

Observations:	Meeting BCFTS	Not Meeting BCFTS	Observations:	Meeting BCFTS	Not Meeting BCFTS
PPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manchecks and qualified assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical and mental well being	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan, construct, and use escape routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control falling area (signage)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Body position and chainsaw handling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Axe, wedges, chainsaw	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undercuts and backcuts (stumps)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation and staging Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wedging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access and egress trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bucking (assessment and SWP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazards in the work area, multi-tree planning and tree assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Limbing, tapping and brushing out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Special Falling Techniques:

Trainers must discuss the SWP and/or have the trainee demonstrate each special falling technique in time intervals appropriate to the risk. It is not expected that every special falling technique will be demonstrated each week. Refer to the BCFTS guidance document to reference the acceptable standard for each.

Pushing / Limb-Tied	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required
Backcut First	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required
Heavy Leaner	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required
Short Stubby	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required
Upslope Falling	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required
Re-Fall Cut-up Tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required
Danger Trees	<input type="checkbox"/> Not worked on	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed	<input type="checkbox"/> Observed	<input type="checkbox"/> More training required

Comment:

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Designated High-Risk Violations: Hand Falling or Bucking

Ask the trainee to recite the High-Risk Violations. Check boxes of all that the trainee answers correctly.

<input type="checkbox"/> Failing to prepare safe/appropriate escape route(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excess pushing/Domino Falling
<input type="checkbox"/> Failing to use pre-determined escape route(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brushing of standing trees where brushing can be avoided
<input type="checkbox"/> Failing to use proper falling procedures (acceptable stumps and wedging tools immediately available)	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaving partially cut trees, unless done in accordance with the OHS regulations
<input type="checkbox"/> Failing to fall danger trees progressively	<input type="checkbox"/> Working within two tree lengths of a tree being felled

Deficiencies observed and Corrective Actions required:

Trainer to document any deficiencies or upset conditions that were observed that required the training to stop for a teaching moment or demonstration from the trainer.

High Risk Violations Observed Automatically Default to a Risk Rating of High and Require a Follow Up.

1  Knowledge  Procedures  Equipment Risk Rating:  Low  Med  High

Deficiency:

Corrective Action: Follow up Required:  Yes  No

2  Knowledge  Procedures  Equipment Risk Rating:  Low  Med  High

Deficiency:

Corrective Action: Follow up Required:  Yes  No

3  Knowledge  Procedures  Equipment Risk Rating:  Low  Med  High

Deficiency:

Corrective Action: Follow up Required:  Yes  No

4  Knowledge  Procedures  Equipment Risk Rating:  Low  Med  High

Deficiency:

Corrective Action: Follow up Required:  Yes  No

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**Faller Trainee Weekly Training And Progress Report**

Trainer Final Comments:

BCFCSC Trainer Signature: Date:

Trainee Signature: Date:

Supervisor/Trainer Declaration:

Complete the section below ONLY after

- Trainee has submitted a minimum of 20 faller trainee weekly training and progress reports that have been approved by the BCFCSC Verifier.
- The BCFCSC has completed a minimum of 3 quality assurance visits and all identified gap training has been completed.
- Trainer is ready to recommend the trainee for faller certification.

I attest that the trainee's falling activity meets the standard acceptable to WorkSafeBC and has demonstrated the competence necessary for certification. By recommending the trainee as ready to challenge the BC Forest Safety Council faller certification, I understand that I am affirming the trainee is consistently meeting all parts of the BC Faller Training Standard.

Trainer Name: Trainee Name:

Trainer Signature: Date:

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# Terry Anonson Retires from FTAC

During the September meeting of FTAC, Terry Anonson announced his retirement from the Falling Technical Advisory Committee after starting as a member in early 2007. Terry reflects on his career with FTAC below, as a faller, falling supervisor and WorkSafeBC officer.

“Every once in a while, it’s good to reflect back on why we are here and who we represent. Basically, it all started in 2003, 21 years ago, when all industry bull buckers were in Campbell River to attend the first QST course. There was a whole pile of industry leaders, falling leaders that didn’t want to go to the QST course, we weren’t sure about certification, we weren’t sure about the new regulation, but we had to go because the regulation was being enacted and we had to get our crews certified. It was an interesting time and a humbling time where we had to actually go to class and school for a whole week. We had to do presentations, we had to write a test, and we had to do our evaluation. Some of those individuals became Board officers, some became instructors, but most all of them became FTAC members and represented FTAC in the early years.

I also reflect back on all the work we did with the DACUM committee for Falling Supervisors and how much work was done to develop supervisor training and certification. Early industry meetings with a lot of people and a lot of nay sayers, continuing to push back. There were some very vocal meetings, with some very colorful people attending. It was very early on that the BCFSC realized that we needed an industry committee to really make things work, so that’s kind of how FTAC was formed.

Industry Training development with WFP and Dean McGeough, endorsed by the BCFSC. Competency-based system work with the approved

administrators and the FTAC committee. I look back on all that and it’s really important that everyone in the room recognizes that you represent all that work. You represent the hard and difficult times we had implementing faller certification. You represent a lot of people that sat in these chairs that are no longer with us or have gone other ways. And you represent a pretty noble group of workers in terms of fallers and this group is very important to industry.

It’s been a good ride, and I have enjoyed FTAC and met a lot of good friends. Thank you!”

Co-Chair Dazy Weymer shared his thoughts on Terry’s time with FTAC and in industry.” Terry and I started early together in our falling careers and have been largely and fairly intertwined over the years, both as falling supervisors

and unfortunately having to deal with fatalities, supporting each other through those difficult times.

I always thought there are two safety programs - one that we all work towards is to keep stuff from happening and the one that we kind of struggle with is to keep stuff from sticking to people. There is that balance between checking to see if you are following regulation and checking to see if you’re being safe and I think that Terry has always done a real god job of working through that and keeping his eyes on the goalpost that we’re all trying to come home at the end of the day. He is going to be missed here for sure.”

On behalf of FTAC and the BC Forest Safety Council, we wish Terry all the best in his future endeavours! 🙌



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
DEDICATION**  
*Happy Retirement*



# Falling Forms Updated to Reflect Changes to Occupational First Aid

As most everyone is aware, changes to Occupational First Aid took place November 1, 2024. BCFSC has ensured all falling documentation that includes, or refers to, first aid has been updated to reflect the changes to regulation. The Falling Safety Plan document, which was introduced last year, includes the Emergency Response Plan and First Aid Site Assessment, as well as other documentation required before starting work. We encourage you to review this document and determine if it's a good fit for your worksite to help consolidate multiple documents into one in your worksite binder.

Please check our [website](#) to ensure you have the most up to date documentation. 🚧

## New Faller Training

The fall session of BCFSC's New Faller Training (NFT) took place in the Ladysmith area from September 26 – October 28, 2024. A big thank you to Mark Bowater from Mosaic Forest Products and Shawn Nicholson from Kaatza Group for supplying the timber and their ongoing support of the program. 🚧

Back row, left to right: Trainers Wade Schalm, Jim Lindsay, and John Jacobsen.

Front row, left to right: Trainees Adam Thomas, Steve Neville, and Levi Trant.

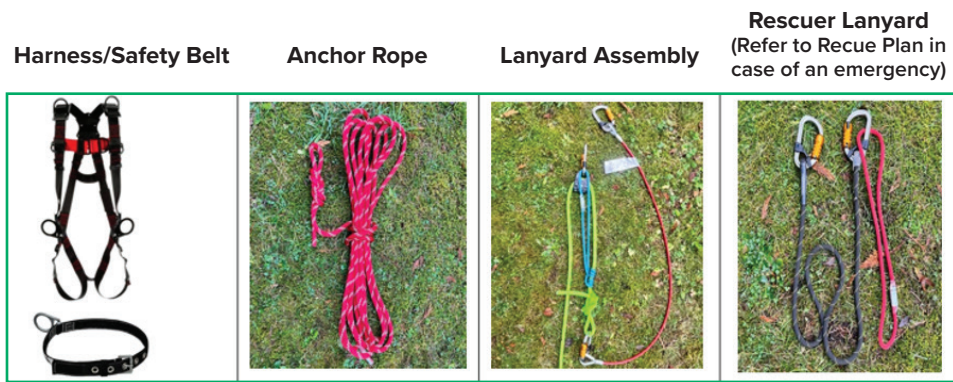




# Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC)

At the September 20th FTAC meeting, Rob Shambrook and Devin Miller of Western Forest Products (WFP) gave a presentation on the safe work procedure that they have developed for Fall Restraint. Rob and Devin, along with industry subject matter experts, fallers, and a WorkSafeBC representative have been working on this safe work procedure internally for WFP since March 2023, keeping it simple so that the practice is easy to duplicate and sustainable within their operations.

The system that has been developed is different from climbing as the restraint system is on the fallers' back. It is a 2-person system where the partner is relaying the faller down the slope with no slack, using a tree as the anchor. Listed below are the components of the system.



**The components of this system include:**

- Waterproof Storage Bag
- Safety Belt/Harness x 2
- Rope – 11 mm Static Kernmantle – 100 ft. – RED x 1
- Rope – 11 mm Static Kernmantle – 33 ft. – GREEN x 1
- Prusik Loop – 8 mm – 25 in. – RED x 1
- Prusik Loop – 8 mm – 25 in. – GREEN x 1
- Carabiners (w/ keepers) – Self Closing/Self Locking x 5
- Pulley, Prusik Minding – x 1
- Lanyard, Jane – 150 cm x 1 – BLACK
- Lanyard, Cable x 1 – RED

The system meets CSA Standard; however, it does require a variance from WorkSafeBC. Fallers who initially tried the system were skeptical, however once trying the system were very impressed. They found that the system was very easy and did not inhibit their movement.

If anyone would like additional information on this system and safe work procedure, please reach out to Rob Shambrook at [rshambrook@westernforest.com](mailto:rshambrook@westernforest.com).



Devin Miller of Western Forest Products and Chris Miller, WSBC OSO, demonstrating the fall restraint system developed by WFP. 🇨🇦