



Successful Year-End Audit Submissions

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We are thrilled to report that the new November 30th year-end deadline was a tremendous success! An impressive 86.5% of audits met the new deadline and there were no companies that submitted their audits by November 30th who lost their Certificate of Recognition (COR) due to a failed submission. Thank you to everyone with a year-end audit who made this achievement possible. It demonstrates your commitment to maintaining high safety standards across the industry.

How to Submit Your Audit

To ensure a smooth and efficient audit submission process, please use one of the following methods:

- 1. Email Submission:** Send your completed Submission form and all supporting documentation to audit.safeco@bcforestsafef.org. This method is straightforward and ensures your documents are received promptly.
- 2. Upload Site:** Utilize our secure upload site to submit your completed Submission form and supporting documentation: <http://app.bcforestsafef.org/upload/>. This option is convenient and allows for quick and easy submission of your files.
- 3. Online Audit Tool:** If you are highly proficient with computers and have thoroughly reviewed the “How to Use the Online Audit Tool” videos, you may use this method. However, please be aware that it is very easy to miss details and submit an incomplete audit. Ensure you double-check all entries before finalizing your submission.
- 4. Physical Submission:** As a last resort, you can submit completed paper forms. Please note that we do not return physical submissions. If you need to keep the paperwork, you can fax your submission to us at 250-741-1068. While this method is still accepted, we encourage digital submissions for faster processing and better record-keeping. 🌱

2024 Site Verification Audits

In 2024, the SAFE Companies team conducted 418 site verification audits across the province. These site visits provide valuable insights and feedback to help companies improve their safety practices. Additionally, we conducted 3 BASE Gap Analysis audits identifying areas for improvement and helping companies bridge any gaps in their safety programs as they grow to BASE size companies.

We also carried out 29 WorkSafe Initiated Verification Audits with External Auditors. These audits, initiated by WorkSafe, are crucial in maintaining high safety standards and ensuring that companies are compliant with regulatory requirements. The collaboration with external auditors brings an additional layer of expertise to the audit process. 🌱

Total SAFE Certified Companies in 2024

We are proud to announce at the end of 2024, there were 2,692 SAFE Certified companies. This milestone reflects the industry’s commitment to safety and continuous improvement. SAFE Certification shows a company’s willingness to maintain a safe and healthy work environment, and we applaud all SAFE Certified companies for their hard work, perseverance and continued commitment to safety. Let’s make 2025 another successful year, building on the achievements of 2024 and striving for even higher standards in safety and operational excellence. Together, we can create a safer and more sustainable industry for everyone. 🌱