

HAZARD ALERT

Injury Type : Bruised chest, hip
Core Activity : Shake and shingle mill
Location : Lower Mainland
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A rigged 40-foot-long shattered cedar log was being maneuvered backwards in the log slip. The end of the log grounded in the river bottom, causing two 12-foot-long slabs to break off. One slab pivoted and landed on a nearby boom worker.

Injury Type : Broken foot
Core Activity : Yarding and loading
Location : Vancouver Island
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A hydraulic log loader backed up 12 feet to load a large cedar log onto a logging truck. The loader's track ran over the foot of a worker who was in the landing to clear a choker for a grapple yarder.

Injury Type : Shoulder injuries
Core Activity : Manual falling and bucking
Location : Northern BC
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A faller was falling a 36-inch-diameter red cedar tree. He intended to fall the cedar so that it knocked down a 40-foot-tall limbless hemlock snag (dangerous tree) about 4 feet behind it. When the cedar tree fell, the top of the snag broke off and catapulted back towards the faller.

Injury Type : Crush injury to hand
Core Activity : Sawmill
Location : Central Interior
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A worker at a strap-and-wrap station reached for a tag at the same time as another worker activated the press. As the press cycled, the worker's hand was caught between the shifting boards.

Injury Type : Fractured arm
Core Activity : Portable wood chipping
Location : Northern BC
Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

As a young worker was trying to un-jam a conveyor that was not locked out, his hand got caught between a conveyor belt and the tail drum.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Grading of forest resource road
Location : Central Interior
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A grader working on a forest resource road rolled over a 15-foot embankment, landing on its side.

Injury Type : Fatal
Core Activity : Travelling to remote work site
Location : Central Interior
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A worker was driving a pickup truck on a forest service road, heading to a remote work site. The truck failed to negotiate a curve, travelled into a ditch, and struck an embankment.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae, ribs; possible internal injuries
Core Activity : Manual falling for heli-logging operation
Location : Lower Mainland
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

As a faller was moving away, a maple tree broke off the stump and slid downhill. The top of the maple (4-5 inches in diameter) swung and fell from about 40 feet, striking the worker's back and knocking him to the ground.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Log hauling
Location : Vancouver Island
Date of Incident : 2009-Nov

A loaded off-highway logging truck drove off the edge of a logging road. The truck rolled over and came to rest at the edge of a lake. The driver escaped without injury.

Injury Type : Laceration to neck
Core Activity : Manual tree falling
Location : Vancouver Island
Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A hand faller was carrying his chainsaw on his shoulder with the chain on the bar and the dogs unguarded when he slipped on the frozen ground. As he tried to throw the saw off his shoulder, the dog caught his backpack strap and pivoted the saw around. The bar and chain cut his neck.

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