

HAZARD ALERT

Injury Type : Burns to hand and head

Core Activity : Sawmill

Location : Northern BC

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A worker was changing fuses in a 3-phase switch using a screwdriver, without the main power being turned off. The worker crossed two of the phases (480 volts) with the screwdriver, causing a short in the system and an explosion and flash.

Injury Type : Fractured arm

Core Activity : Portable wood chipping

Location : Northern BC

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

As a young worker was trying to unjam 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 : Mechanized tree falling

Location : Vancouver Island

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A feller buncher felled a 24-inch hemlock tree next to 25-kV power lines. The hemlock knocked over a 12-inch balsam tree whose top contacted the power lines.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Wood product manufacture

Location : Central Interior

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

The tipper hoist on a 50-foot chip truck failed while dumping two fully loaded chip trailers. The tipper hoist was being jogged to loosen frozen chips.

Injury Type : Bruising from seat belt

Core Activity : Log yarding

Location : Vancouver Island

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A grapple yarder was yarding logs with only one of two guylines deployed. The guyline cable broke, and the machine fell forward, landing on the side of the cab. The operator, who was wearing his seat belt, was not seriously injured.

Injury Type : Laceration

Core Activity : Log hauling

Location : Vancouver Island

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

An empty off-highway log hauling truck drove too close to the edge of a spur road and rolled over the embankment.

Injury Type : Amputated fingertip

Core Activity : Sawmill

Location : Northern BC

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A worker was pulling on a drive belt to reverse an unscrambler when his finger was caught between the drive belt and a pulley. (An unscrambler is a machine that maximizes the loading of boards by retrieving a single piece of wood from a pile and transferring it to a conveyor.)

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Integrated forestry management

Location : Central Interior

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

The certified trailer hoist cable at a sawmill failed, causing a trailer to fall onto the rigging components of a logging truck tractor.

Injury Type : Chest injuries, fractured arm

Core Activity : Log hauling

Location : Central Interior

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A loaded logging truck lost control on an icy road and struck a tree. The load of logs moved forward, crushing the truck's cab. The operator was ejected from the vehicle before the cab was crushed.

Injury Type : Head and neck injuries

Core Activity : Sawmill

Location : Central Interior

Date of Incident : 2009-Dec

A worker was feeding the planer (planer in-feed transfer) when a piece of lumber (105 mm X 105 mm) struck the back of his head.

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