



2018 SAFER Conference in Nanaimo



Several years ago the two joint union/management safety organizations that were implemented for the improvement of safety and health measures in the forest industry generally by means of research, education and training; the Safety Advisory Foundation for Education and Research (SAFER) and the Safety Health and Research Program (SHARP) agreed to alternate organizing an annual health and safety conference.

The 2018 SAFER conference will be held Friday September 28th at the Coast Bastion hotel in Nanaimo BC. The Vancouver Island Health and Safety Conference will be held September 29.

The agenda has been finalized and this years presenters are:

Eldeen Pozniak who will review effective safety systems and where your organization is. She will walk participants through activities that you can do in each stage of readiness that need to be addressed appropriately when implementing a safety management system.

Doug Pontsler from the Center of Visual Expertise (COVE). will discuss an approach to enhance hazard recognition, incident investigation and pre-job safety analysis; ultimately decreasing incident rates. Doug will discuss how he put these techniques into practice at Owens-Corning.

Paul Krismer will lead an inspirational discussion that moves safety culture from a theoretical goal to a case study of one company that did the work and made the transformation.

Melinda Morben the Island Timberlands Manager of Operational Logistics will discuss the Island Timberlands wellness program which included: fitness sessions, learning new sports, nutritionist information sessions, hypnotherapy workshops, cooking demonstrations, sleep apnea awareness and much more. Melinda will discuss how the program works and provide advice on adopting and encouraging wellness into your health and safety culture.

To Register for the [SAFER Conference](#).

To book a hotel room call 1-800-663-1144 and quote the booking code CBI-GFC 18144

To Register for the [Vancouver Island Safety Conference](#).

Coming Events

September 12-14 BCFSC Basic Forest Supervisor, Campbell River BC
September 18 BC Fed Health & Safety Centre Part 1, Port Alberni BC
September 28 SAFER Conference, Nanaimo BC
September 29 Vancouver Island Safety Conference, Nanaimo BC

SAFER Council Meets in Kelowna



The SAFER Council recently met in Kelowna for 2 days to discuss a number of health and safety issue related to the BC Forest Industry. On the second day the Council joined the USW District 3 safety representatives to review inspecting sawmills and conducting an systematic investigation using the ICAM model.

- On review of recent incidents in the BC forest industry the council was pleased to see a reduction in reported incidents in the manufacturing sector but were concerned about the uptick in incidents involving fallers.
- Aaron Kilback from YodelME made a presentation on how connecting a WIFI network in remote locations can enhance health and safety.
- WorkSafeBC safety officer Kevin Birnie gave an presentation and answered questions on WorkSafe's manufacturing high risk strategy.
- The Council reviewed several examples of "micro learning" and will further research if there is a application to the forest industry.
- Al Biekse from the BC Federation Health and Safety Centre reviewed the workshop he is putting together for SAFER in response to the research conducted by the Redshirt Foundation.
- The SAFER Council reviewed the new worker orientation for logging which will be available on the SAFER website soon.
- The SAFER Council reviewed the "mindfulness" project that will add to the existing information on the [SAFER website](#).
- The SAFER Council put the final touches on the one day conference to be held in Nanaimo on September 28th at the Coast Bastion.



HAZARD ALERT

Injury: Multiple fractures, internal injuries

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking

Location: Lower Mainland

A worker felled a dangerous tree in a helicopter logging site. The falling tree struck a tree that had already been felled as well as an old wind-fallen tree. The worker was struck by debris from the wind-fallen tree. The worker was evacuated by helicopter.

Injury: Upper body injury, contusions

Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Northern B.C.

A worker walking out from the front of a building at a sawmill inadvertently stepped into the path of an oncoming forklift, which struck the worker.

Injury: Close call

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Tree planting or cone picking

Location: Northern B.C.

On a dusty forest service road, a tree planter crew transport vehicle ran into the back of an off-highway, loaded logging truck. No workers were injured.

Injury: Soreness

Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Sawmill

Location: Lower Mainland

During a night shift, a worker at a sawmill looking for a chip pit conveyor inadvertently drove the company pickup truck into a chip conveyor pit. The airbag deployed on impact.

Injury: Fractured wrists

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging

Location: Interior B.C.

As a turn of logs was being yarded at a downhill yarding logging operation, a young worker was struck by a piece of debris that was thrown by the running lines. The worker received first aid on site and was transported to hospital by emergency transportation vehicle (ETV).

Injury: Close call

Industry: Forestry

Core Activity: Cable or hi-lead logging

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

A grapple yarder was travelling over a steel bridge when the sill logs on one end supporting the bridge collapsed. The yarder was able to get over the remaining part of the bridge. No injuries were reported.

Injury: Close call

Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Hog fuel transport / Sawmill

Location: Interior B.C.

During a load delivery, the raised trailer of a hog fuel carrier contacted an energized 25 kV overhead power line. Upon contact, two tires exploded (through pyrolysis). The driver exited the vehicle without injury.

WorkSafeBC Announces New Webpage for Substance Abuse and Impairment in the Workplace

A new webpage is available to help prepare for cannabis legalization and address concerns about substance use and impairment in the workplace.

You'll find information about the effects of substance-use impairment in the workplace and the responsibilities of workers and employers to manage impairment. You can also access a primer on how to prepare for cannabis legislation.

Physical or mental impairment in the workplace can create a significant risk of injury and death to the impaired worker, co-workers, and members of the public.

Visit [Substance Use and Impairment in the Workplace](#) to learn more.

Proposed Policy Amendments and Practice Materials Regarding the Certificate of Recognition Program

The Policy, Regulation and Research Division (the PRRD) is releasing a discussion paper on proposed policy amendments to the Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program.

In addition, the Industry and Labour Services department is releasing practice materials on proposed program developments. It is recommended the discussion paper, which contains the proposed policy amendments, and the practice materials be reviewed in the order they are presented below.

The consultation period for both the policy and practice materials will end on October 1, 2018. WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors (BOD) will consider stakeholder feedback before making a decision on policy amendments. [More Information](#).

Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Part 16-Mobile Equipment

The Policy, Regulation and Research Division is requesting feedback on the proposed amendments to Part 16, Mobile Equipment, together with consequential amendments to 9 other Parts, of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. The consultation phase provides stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback prior to the proposed amendments being taken to public hearing in spring of 2019.

The cross-reference and proposed regulatory amendment package under review:

Part 16, cross-reference

Part 16, Mobile Equipment, with consequential amendments to 9 other Parts.

[For more information](#).

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