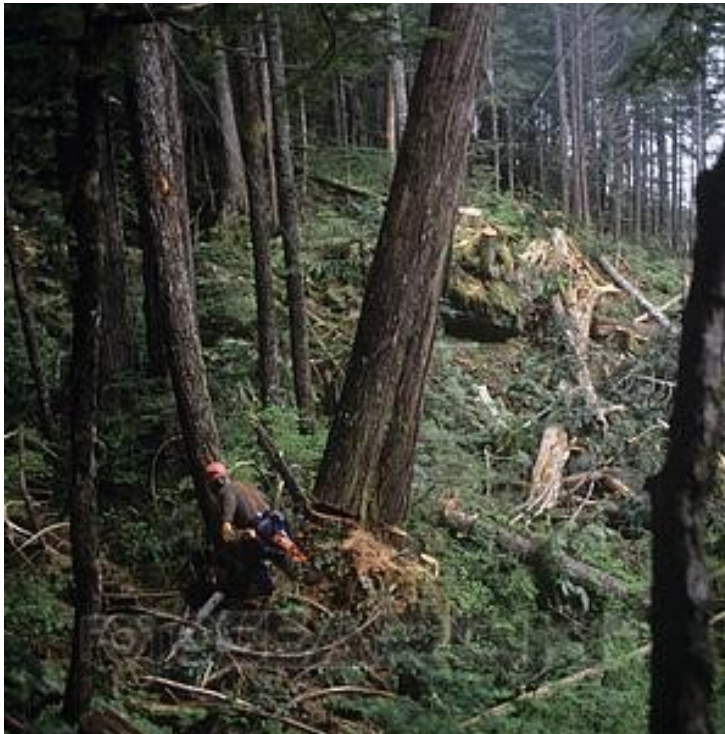




SAFER to Research Hazard Identification Starting With Hand Fallers



Often after a workplace incident investigation we find out that the hazard that caused the incident was never identified.

The SAFER Council, working with the UBC Forestry Department and a subject matter expert will be researching why hazards aren't identified and how we can train the workforce to better identify hazards. Due to the level and severity of the incidents the research team will start with hand fallers. The research project is funded by the WorkSafeBC's Innovation at Work research grant.

The objectives of this project are;

- 1) To investigate how/why we fail to recognize hazards and the science that explains how we look but fail to see.
- 2) Identify key obstacles and perceptions that prevent the workforce from identifying hazards prior to starting the job.
- 3) Design an online workshop that provides the participants with an understanding of the limitations of human vision, as well as the tools and methods for conducting a systematic approach to identify potential hazards in a work environment, and
- 4) Design a "living" video platform that captures actual workplace footage of falling scenarios through a number of research participants with a real-world experience of identifying potential hazards in the workplace.

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Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

The WCB Policy, Regulation and Research Division is requesting feedback on proposed amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. The consultation phase provides stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback before the proposed amendments are taken to public hearing.

All stakeholder feedback is carefully considered and analyzed, and provided to the Board of Directors of WorkSafeBC as part of their decision-making process.

The closing date is October 8th and there are two proposed regulatory amendment packages under review:

[Part 3, Minimum Levels of First Aid](#)

[Parts 14 and 19, Inconsistent Crane Misadventure and Zone Limiting Devices in Tower Cranes](#)

Road Safety Webinars

Road Safety at Work is proud to present a series of informative webinars. The standard webinar is an online, interactive, one-hour session on a specific road safety topic. Each one has up to date information plus practical suggestions on how you can take action in your workplace along with links to the tools and resources to help you do that. Each session includes opportunities for your questions and discussion.

The webinars are free; however, registration is required. Use the links below to register for an upcoming webinar.

<https://roadsafetyatwork.ca/workshops-and-webinars/webinars/>

NIDMAR Receives Funding

The Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, announced funding of up to \$2.681M over 3 years for NIDMAR's project "Towards Excellence in Return to Work/Disability Management Professionalization".

The core components mirror the recently announced BC government WDA grant, providing critical Disability Management education, professionalization and program support for workplaces. The funding is designed to remove barriers and improve employer resources to develop strategies to attract and retain skilled workers.

[For more information](#)



HAZARD ALERT

Injury: Close call
Industry: Forestry, Trucking
Core Activity: Dry land sort / Log hauling
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
 A loaded tridem-drive logging truck with a tri-axle trailer was parked on a weigh scale platform at a dryland sort operation. Once the load was weighed, a log stacker secured the load with its grapple and started to lift it off. The load was raised high enough to clear the stakes and the operator was about to back up when the hoist cable broke, causing the full load to fall back onto the truck and trailer. The truck operator, who was outside of the cab, was not injured but the truck and trailer, as well as the weigh scale, sustained major structural damage.

Injury: Burns
Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products
Core Activity: Veneer or plywood manufacture
Location: Interior B.C.
 A worker had just finished refueling a small forklift at a propane dispenser. The starting of the forklift's motor caused a propane fireball, injuring the worker.

Injury: Injuries to upper body
Industry: Forestry
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Northern B.C.
 A manual tree faller was bucking a cedar tree (5 feet in diameter) on a 70 percent slope. As the cut was being completed, the top portion of the tree pivoted, striking the worker and dragging them up the hill about 15 feet.

Injury: Heat-related illness
Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products
Core Activity: Planing mill
Location: Northern B.C.
 While performing cleanup activities in a planing mill during a heat wave, a young worker lost consciousness.

Injury: Fatal
Industry: Forestry, Services (NES)
Core Activity: Tree planting or cone picking
Location: Northern B.C.
 A worker succumbed to COVID-19.

Injury: Close call
Industry: Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products
Core Activity: Sawmill
Location: Interior B.C.
 A mill was destroyed by fire. Workers who were on site at the time were not injured.

Injury: Laceration, soft tissue injury
Industry: Forestry
Core Activity: Manual tree falling and bucking
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
 A hand faller was falling a tree (32 inches in diameter). As the faller was completing the back-cut, the tree sat back, creating a falling difficulty. The faller felled a smaller tree toward the cut-up tree in an attempt to push the cut-up tree over. During this process, a piece of wood was thrown backward and struck the faller.

Vancouver Island Safety Conference

Safety Conferences Postponed for Another Year

With the health and safety of our delegates in mind, the Vancouver Island Safety Conference Steering Committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the 2021 Vancouver Island Safety Conference.



As well, the SHARP and SAFER conferences will be postponed until 2022. To keep the safety conversation going in the interim, we have compiled a list of our favourite presenters from past conferences. We encourage you to check out the links below.

Corrie Pitzer - [Corrie Pitzer - SAFEmap VISC 2016 Presentation - YouTube](#)

Dr Delia Roberts - [VISC 2014 Dr. Delia Roberts - Nutrition, Hydration and Safe Movement - YouTube](#)

Terry Small - [Terry Small - Brain Health Speaker - VISC 2018](#)
Elden Pozniak - [Eldeen Pozniak - Managing Risk - VISC 2018 - YouTube](#)

Al Biekse - [Al Biekse Presentation - Vancouver Island Safety Conference 2017 - YouTube](#)

Yvonne Thompson - [VISC 2014 Yvonne Thompson - Leadership - YouTube](#)

Craig Sexton - [Craig Sexton - DuPont - VISC 2016 - YouTube](#)

David Rossi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Shane Jensen - [Shane Jensen - Distraction Presentation 2017 Vancouver Island Safety Conference - YouTube](#)

Dr Ray Baker - [VISC 2019 Dr Baker - Managing substance use and addiction in the workplace - YouTube](#)

Proposed Policy Amendments on Determining Workplace Status

The WCB Policy, Regulation and Research Division is releasing a discussion paper on determining workplace status with options and draft policy to stakeholders for comment.

"Workplace status" refers to whether someone is an employer, worker, or independent operator. A person's status defines the rights and responsibilities the person has under the Workers Compensation Act, including compulsory coverage for workers, and obligations of employers to pay assessments into the accident fund. Consultation closes on December 15, 2021.

[Discussion paper — Determining Workplace Status](#)

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