

Incident Types on Resource Roads

This document is based on Notice of Incident reports received by WorkSafeBC. They are published to alert employers and workers to hazards in their industry. Below is a sample of incidents that have occurred on resource roads.

2009

Injury Type: Bruises

ID Number: 2009161740087

Core Activity: Log hauling

Date of Accident: 2009-Apr

Location: Vancouver Island

Two loaded logging trucks were on the same road heading in the same direction. The lead truck pulled over to let the second truck pass. As the second truck was passing, a small log fell off of it. The log struck the cab of the truck that had pulled over, slightly injuring the driver of that truck.

Injury Type: Serious injuries to hand and leg

ID Number: 2009155980073

Core Activity: Log hauling

Date of Accident: 2009-Feb

Location: Central Interior

A loaded logging truck and a crew transport vehicle collided on an active forest service road. The driver of the crew vehicle was seriously injured.

Injury Type: Heart attack

ID Number: 2009034450046

Core Activity: Log hauling

Date of Accident: 2009-Feb

Location: Central Interior

A loaded logging truck left a landing on a forest service road. There was fresh snow and the truck, which did not have chains, became stuck a few kilometres away. A skidder came and freed the truck. The truck's operator then installed the chains and the truck headed out again. A short time later the driver had severe chest pain and radioed for help. Other truck drivers provided assistance until a Level 3 first aid attendant arrived from the departure landing.

Injury Type: Close call

ID Number: 2009160530038

Core Activity: Integrated forest management

Date of Accident: 2009-Feb

Location: Central Interior

A pickup truck with four workers collided head-on with an empty logging truck on a forest resource road. No one was injured.

Injury Type: Close call

ID Number: 2009163790018

Core Activity: Water tanker trucking

Date of Accident: 2009-Feb

Location: Northern BC

A tandem-axle water tanker was travelling on a resource road. The truck left the road, severing the water tank from the chassis.

2008

Injury Type: Bruising, laceration

ID Number: 2008155980369

Core Activity: Log hauling

Date of Accident: 2008-Dec

Location: Central Interior

A loaded logging truck overturned while negotiating a switchback on a forest service road.

Injury Type: Widespread contusions, bruising

ID Number: 2008137160154

Core Activity: Log hauling

Date of Accident: 2008-Nov

Location: Vancouver Island

An empty off-highway log transporter failed to negotiate a corner on a logging road. It rolled 125 feet down a steep embankment.

Injury Type: Close call

ID Number: 2008101920193

Core Activity: Log hauling

Date of Accident: 2008-Oct

Location: Central Interior

A log hauling truck tipped onto its side when the over-length logs it was carrying struck a road bank.

Injury Type: Close call
Core Activity: Log hauling
Location: Northern BC

ID Number: 2008140970492
Date of Accident: 2008-Oct

A loaded logging truck was negotiating a switchback section of a haul road with a 10 percent grade. The rig spun out and left the road, and the truck and trailer landed upside down. The sidehill slope was about 40 percent. A small evergreen tree on the sidehill stopped the rig from sliding/rolling 200 feet down the hill.

Injury Type: Bruising
Core Activity: Integrated forest management
Location: Central Interior

ID Number: 2008034450309
Date of Accident: 2008-Sep

A loaded log transporter (jeep with a wagon) left the travelled portion of a forest service road. The transporter rolled over once and stopped against trees on the 50 percent slope. The cab guard protected the driver, who was wearing a seat belt, from serious injury even though the truck was heavily damaged.

Injury Type: Head lacerations, bruising to upper body
Core Activity: Log hauling
Location: Northern BC

ID Number: 2008160670153
Date of Accident: 2008-Aug

A loaded logging truck with a tri-axle trailer rolled (360 degrees) over a steep embankment on a haul road.

Injury Type: Soft-tissue injuries
Core Activity: Landfill maintenance
Location: Vancouver Island

ID Number: 2008159110168
Date of Accident: 2008-Aug

A dump truck loaded with 2-inch crush was descending a haul road with a grade of 12 percent. The brakes were not effective and the truck gained speed. The truck travelled more than 400 metres after the brakes failed, then the driver deliberately turned the truck to roll it, to stop its descent. The cab remained upright, the box tipped (spilling its load), and the truck stopped.

Injury Type: Fatal (1 worker); minor injuries (4 workers)
Core Activity: Tree planting
Location: Northern BC

ID Number: 2008091010004
Date of Accident: 2008-May

A crew cab went out of control on a gravel road. The vehicle slid into the ditch and rolled, ejecting one worker. The ejected worker was pinned under the vehicle and died. Four other workers, including one young worker, sustained minor injuries.

Injury Type: Fatal
Core Activity: Logging road construction
Location: Vancouver Island

ID Number: 2008158930095
Date of Accident: 2008-May

A driller-blaster was returning from a post-blast inspection when he was struck and pinned against the tracks of an excavator by a large log that rolled off the steep cutbank above.

Injury Type: Laceration, bruising
Core Activity: Oilfield fluid hauling
Location: Northern BC

ID Number: 2008153370138
Date of Accident: 2008-May

The driver of an oilfield fluid hauling truck was injured when the truck left the travelled portion of a petroleum development road. The driver had just called his kilometres (position and direction of travel) over the road radio frequency and had taken his eyes off the road while placing the microphone back in its holder.

Injury Type: Head injury
Core Activity: Integrated logging
Location: Central Interior

ID Number: 2008034450116
Date of Accident: 2008-Apr

A loaded log transporter (jeep with a wagon) was negotiating a 6 percent downhill curve on a forest service road. The truck rolled at the midpoint of the 90-degree curve.

Injury Type: Crushing injuries
Core Activity: Oilfield trucking
Location: Northern BC

ID Number: 2008153370075
Date of Accident: 2008-Mar

An oilfield bed truck was towing a service rig pumper truck up a steep section of petroleum development road in slippery winter road conditions. However, the bed truck itself lost traction, and a young worker went to unhook the winch line connecting the two trucks. While the worker was between the trucks, the bed truck slid backwards, pinning the worker between the back of the bed truck and the front of the pumper truck.