



Prevention Field Services

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Dear employer:

Re: **2017 Forestry High Risk Strategy**

We are writing to inform you that WorkSafeBC has launched the 2017 Forestry High Risk Strategy. As a key stakeholder in the Forestry Sector, we believe you would benefit from an understanding of our focus and approach.

How are employers chosen?

The Forestry High Risk Strategy identifies sectors and subsectors with a high risk of serious workplace injury and a significant contribution to the serious injury rate. The forestry sector has an injury rate that is more than double the provincial average, and a serious injury rate almost four times the provincial average. Our goal is to significantly reduce serious injuries in the forestry sector by 2018.

Employers with operations involving timber harvesting or silvicultural activities will be selected at the regional level based on their injury history, inspectional history, and the potential for serious injuries to occur.

What can you expect of the inspections?

All forestry sites with repeat high-risk violations will undergo a review of workplace accountabilities to confirm that all employers, prime contractors, and owners are meeting their responsibilities. Furthermore, prime contractors' qualifications will be evaluated to determine whether they are able to meet their obligations.

Prevention officers will conduct on-site inspections focusing on:

- manual tree falling
- log transportation
- cable yarding
- mechanized harvesting
- silviculture
- emergency response planning (ERP)

Where can you find more information and resources?

We encourage you to learn more about the 2017 Forestry High Risk Strategy on our website at: www.worksafebc.com/about-us/what-we-do/high-risk-strategies/forestry

If you have any questions about this strategy, please contact WorkSafeBC's Forestry team at: ils@worksafebc.com.

Thank you for helping to ensure the safety and health of your workers.

Sincerely,

Al Johnson
Vice President, Prevention Services