

SAFEWOODS

Woodlot Licence & Community Forest Agreement Safety Committee



British Columbia
**Community
Forest
Association**
local people, local forests, local decisions



BC Forest Safety Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable



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Forests in Good Hands

Who we are

6 members: chair, 2 community forest reps, 3 woodlot licensees,

1. Dustin Meierhofer, Chair, BCFSC
2. Warren Hansen – Community Forest
3. Aurora Lavender – Community Forest
4. Ken Dodd – Woodlot
5. Rick Walters – Woodlot
6. Hugh Watt – Woodlot



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Purpose

Industry-led group, established to **improve safety** for WL and CFA licence holders, and the **people** who work on those licence areas

1. Identify safety issues important to licensees, their operations
2. Research, develop, support practical resources
3. Use existing knowledge and best practices; adapt to WL CFA needs
4. Communicate and support viable solutions
5. Keep track of progress, monitor improvements



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What we do

- Quarterly meetings
- Annual work plan
- Communications plan
- Periodic member surveys



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Safety Plan Templates

- Designed for small area-based tenure operations
- 3 scenarios:
 - a. Contract out most or all activities, operations
 - b. Contract some operations, do some yourself
 - c. You do it all yourself
- Each one has directions, necessary forms, support materials
- Designed to meet BCFSC certification requirements



Safety responsibilities guides

Occupational health and safety responsibilities

- ✓ Owner (Licensee)
- ✓ Prime contractor
- ✓ Employer
- ✓ Supervisor
- ✓ Worker
- ✓ Directors / officers



Safety Responsibilities Wrap-Up

This is a summary of the *Know Your Responsibilities* series, developed by the [Woodlot License & Community Forest Agreement Safety Committee](#), explaining the safety responsibilities attached to the following **roles**.

- Owners
- Prime Contractors
- Employers
- Supervisors
- Workers
- Directors and Officers

Woodlots and community forests can be busy places. Depending on the circumstances, there may be several workplace parties - owner, employer, worker, contractor, prime contractor - present at one time. Sometimes, one or two people fulfill multiple roles. Some roles carry overlapping responsibilities. Whatever the circumstances, each role carries vital health and safety responsibilities. Ensuring the safety of everyone at the worksite requires that each person understands – and delivers on – their responsibilities.

How do you know what you are responsible for?

- **Know** your role or roles on the worksite; you can have more than one role on any given day.
- **Know** that safety is a responsibility shared by everyone on the worksite.
- **Know** that there are [tools and resources](#) available.
- **If you don't know, ask!** Seek advice and/or resources.

The table below outlines occupational health and safety duties for common workplace roles (or “workplace parties”).

Workers Compensation Act Example Responsibilities

Section 21 – General duties of employers
An employer must ensure the safety of all workers at the workplace.

Section 22 – General duties of workers
Workers must take reasonable care to protect their own safety and the safety of other persons.

Section 23 – General duties of supervisors
Supervisors must ensure the health and safety of workers under their supervision.

Section 24 – Coordination at multiple-employer workplaces
Each prime contractor must coordinate safety activities and ensure they satisfy regulations.

Section 25 – General duties of owners
Every owner must maintain their land and premises in a manner that ensures the health and safety of all persons at or near the workplace.

Section 27 – Duties of directors and officers of a corporation
Directors and officers must ensure work is carried out in accordance with established safe work procedures and OHS regulations

[Click here](#) to learn more.

- ✓ Safe operations after a wildfire
- ✓ Logging near powerlines
- ✓ Trail use and liabilities

Work in progress

- ✓ Partial cutting
- ✓ Extreme weather events and worker safety
- ✓ Rainfall shutdown and resumption procedures

- ✓ New Safety Articles
- ✓ FIRS Tool
- ✓ First Aid Regulation Changes
- ✓ Work Safe BC

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Questions



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Thank you!

