

HAZARD ALERT

Injury Type : Broken bones in hand

Core Activity : Manual falling

A faller felled an assessed danger tree that brushed the limbs of another assessed danger tree. The faller waited a few moments, then reached down to pick up the falling wedges. The brushed tree then fell towards the faller and struck his hand.

Injury Type : Neck injury

Core Activity : Integrated forest management

A worker was driving pickup truck down a resource road (with grades ranging from 2 to 14 percent) when he lost control. The truck rolled and came to rest on its wheels on the low side of the road.

Injury Type : Minor lacerations

Core Activity : Log hauling

A loaded logging truck travelling on a highway left the road after its right front (steering) tire deflated. The truck went into an adjacent ditch, overturned, and spilled its load of logs over the truck's cab and the highway.

Injury Type : Lacerations/musculoskeletal injuries

Core Activity : Sawmill

Three workers were changing blades on a vertical bandmill resaw. One of the workers was lowering the saw cradle through an opening in the floor above the resaw. He fell through the opening and landed on the saw frame about 14.5 feet below, then fell another 9 feet to the conveyor chuting below the frame, and finally fell another 3.5 feet to a running box-link waste conveyor. He travelled about 20 feet on the conveyor before it was stopped by another worker.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Saw change

A 1-tonne powered hoist was being used to raise two band saw blades from the mill floor to the upstairs filing room when the hoist cable broke. One saw blade fell to the machine below and the hoist cradle (below the hook lifting device) struck the guardrail around the floor opening. The falling saw blade narrowly missed two workers on the lower level.

Injury Type : Neck sprain/strain (worker); undetermined injuries (2 non-workers)

Core Activity : Log hauling

As a loaded logging truck rounded a corner, it rolled onto its side and spilled its load. An oncoming passenger vehicle swerved into the ditch to avoid the truck. The truck subsequently slid into the ditch and struck the passenger vehicle. The worker and two passengers of the other vehicle (non-workers) were injured.

Injury Type : Neck pain

Core Activity : Sawmill

A young worker was pushing a bandsaw cart on an elevated walkway when the cart struck a clipboard lying on the walkway, dislodging a bandsaw guide (7.5 pounds). The bandsaw guide fell 5 feet and struck the head of a young worker whose workstation was directly below the walkway. The young worker was wearing a hard hat.

Injury Type : Back and shoulder bruising and pain

Core Activity : Mill site expansion

While tightening drive belts on a newly installed sawmill debarker, a worker stepped onto a girder on the side of the unfinished building to gain more leverage. The girder released from the structure, and the worker fell 12 feet, to a conveyor trough below. The worker was not using fall protection at the time of the incident.

Injury Type : Injury to head, fractures

Core Activity : Log processing

While operating an edger saw, a young worker was struck and injured by a piece of wood ejected from the edger. The worker fell, struck his head, and lost consciousness.

Injury Type : Fatal

Core Activity : Highway hauling of wood chips

A loaded chip truck crashed on a highway. The driver sustained fatal injuries.

Injury Type : Serious hand injuries

Core Activity : Shake and shingle mill

A shingle sawyer was running a "checked" (cracked in the vertical plane) cedar block through the circular shingle saw. Due to the check in the block, two pieces of shingle - one narrower than the other were created with each cut of the shingle saw. The worker then attempted to trim a 4- to 5-inch-wide shingle, gripped in his hand, on the adjacent circular clipper saw. The worker's hand contacted the running clipper saw.

Injury Type : Crush injuries to hand

Core Activity : Drilling

A worker was assisting the operator of a drilling rig and was using a wrench to break the drill steel. The worker's hand became caught between the head of the drill and the table.

Injury Type : Crush injuries to hand, amputated fingertips

Core Activity : Forklift operation

While a forklift was operating, its mast became jammed in the elevated position. When the operator attempted to release the mast, it suddenly became free and dropped onto the worker's hand.

These are forest industry summaries of Notice of Incident (NI) reports received by WorkSafeBC. This information may help you to prevent similar accidents in your workplace.

