

British Columbia: OHS Inspections



March 6: WorkSafeBC unveiled its High Risk strategies inspection schedule for 2019:

WorkSafeBC 2019 High Risk Strategies Inspection Schedule

2019 Dates	High Risk Target Sector(s)	Focus	Details
Entire year	Construction	Prime Contractor responsibilities	Health + safety planning, supervision, oversight
Entire year	Construction	Falls from heights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Fall protection anchor selection + use ' Fall protection systems ' Ladder use ' Scaffolding + work platform use ' Mobile work platforms ' Any work at elevation
Q3 thru Q4	Construction	Struck-by injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Work around mobile equipment ' Leading edge work
Entire year	Manufacturing	Inspection-based engagements	Selected sites to be inspected at least once focusing on 7 strategic areas applicable to location
Entire year	Manufacturing	Combustible dusts	Sawmills
Entire year	Manufacturing	Employer self-evaluations	Selected sites will get option to self-evaluate their safety management system for fire + explosion risks + at least one other type of hazard
Entire year	Health care	Workplace violence	Violence prevention measures
Entire year	Health care	Overexertion injuries	Patient handling
Entire year	Forestry	Manual falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Falling cuts ' Danger tree windfall assessment ' Unnecessary brushing practices ' New faller training programs, new faller safety + adherence to training ' Dangerous roadside debris ' Phase congestion

Entire year	Forestry	Mechanized harvesting on steep slopes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Maintenance workplan + lockout ' Three-point-contact procedures ' Steep slope assessment plans ' Safe operation of traction assist + tethered equipment ' Phase congestion
Entire year	Forestry	Cable yarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Clearing the turn ' Yarding angles ' Landing the log ' Phase congestion
Entire year	Forestry	Log transporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Driving + road assessment ' Loading, offloading + securing of load ' Best practices for maintenance work (lockout, access, egress) ' Cab guards (bull boards) + seat belt use ' Three-point-contact procedures
Entire year	Forestry	Emergency response planning (ERP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' First aid assessment ' Lack of ERP practice + testing ' Daily plan for helicopter-only access ' ERP properly communicated to workers + service providers, + routinely practiced via realistic emergency drills
Entire year	Forestry	Silviculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' ERP (as above) ' Planning + conduction operation ' Driver training + policies ' Musculoskeletal injury (MSI) risk assessment ' MSI program management ' MSI education of workers ' Proper planning and integration of silviculture activities with focus on road access + emergency evacuation
Entire year	Forestry	Hearing loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ' Measure or review noise levels by location + job role ' Assess existing mitigation strategies ' Complete hearing conservation program assessments of existing, new + young workers to identify exposure areas + risk-control opportunities