

# 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"> <li>' Fall protection anchor selection + use</li> <li>' Fall protection systems</li> <li>' Ladder use</li> <li>' Scaffolding + work platform use</li> <li>' Mobile work platforms</li> <li>' Any work at elevation</li> </ul>
Q3 thru Q4	Construction	Struck-by injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' Work around mobile equipment</li> <li>' Leading edge work</li> </ul>
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"> <li>' Falling cuts</li> <li>' Danger tree windfall assessment</li> <li>' Unnecessary brushing practices</li> <li>' New faller training programs, new faller safety + adherence to training</li> <li>' Dangerous roadside debris</li> <li>' Phase congestion</li> </ul>
Entire year	Forestry	Mechanized harvesting on steep slopes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' Maintenance workplan + lockout</li> <li>' Three-point-contact procedures</li> <li>' Steep slope assessment plans</li> <li>' Safe operation of traction assist + tethered equipment</li> <li>' Phase congestion</li> </ul>
Entire year	Forestry	Cable yarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' Clearing the turn</li> <li>' Yarding angles</li> <li>' Landing the log</li> <li>' Phase congestion</li> </ul>

Entire year	Forestry	Log transporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' Driving + road assessment</li> <li>' Loading, offloading + securing of load</li> <li>' Best practices for maintenance work (lockout, access, egress)</li> <li>' Cab guards (bull boards) + seat belt use</li> <li>' Three-point-contact procedures</li> </ul>
Entire year	Forestry	Emergency response planning (ERP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' First aid assessment</li> <li>' Lack of ERP practice + testing</li> <li>' Daily plan for helicopter-only access</li> <li>' ERP properly communicated to workers + service providers, + routinely practiced via realistic emergency drills</li> </ul>
Entire year	Forestry	Silviculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' ERP (as above)</li> <li>' Planning + conduction operation</li> <li>' Driver training + policies</li> <li>' Musculoskeletal injury (MSI) risk assessment</li> <li>' MSI program management</li> <li>' MSI education of workers</li> <li>' Proper planning and integration of silviculture activities with focus on road access + emergency evacuation</li> </ul>

Entire year	Forestry	Hearing loss	' 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
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