

Planning, First Aid and Working Conditions

Section C of the Forest Activities
Code

Conduct an onsite safety survey.

Hold a pre-work safety meeting to discuss:

The emergency evacuation plan.

Site conditions and known hazards.

Document the meeting.

Before work starts a competent person must evaluate danger trees or snags within the work area.

Place workers and arrange their activities so that they are in the clear and the action of one employee will not create a hazard for another.

Hazard identification:

The employer must ensure hazards are marked with a readily- identifiable ribbon.

Employees must be notified of existing marked hazards.

Hazard identification ribbon must be readily available to all employees and carried by all cutters.

Who does our workplace evaluation?

Where is the hazard ribbon kept?

What types of hazards do we put ribbon on?

Checking system:

The employer must implement a check-in system for all employees at the end of their shift.

The employer must implement a system to check on employees who may work alone that includes:

The time intervals between checks and procedures to be followed if they cannot be contacted.

A specific person to contact lone employees and a means to verify contact was made.

The time interval for checking.

The system for checking must be evaluated at least annually.

What is our checking system like?

Who is our person checking on crews at the end of the shift?

What is the time frame for checking on employees who work alone?

Working alone:

Employees must not be assigned to work at a location so isolated to be without visual, audible, or radio contact.

In operations where power saw operation, yarding, loading, or a combination of these duties is carried on there must be a minimum crew of two.

Workers are not prohibited from working alone when performing jobs such as mechanics, watchers, operating motor vehicles, self loaders, mechanized logging machines, feller bunchers, forwarders, processors, harvesters or excavator based machines provided the employer complies with the checking system, protective structures and medical and first aid requirements.

Which employees are required to work alone?

What is our system for checking on them?

Medical services and first aid:

The employer must develop and implement an emergency medical plan.

All employees must be knowledgeable of the plan.

All employees in forest activities must be first aid and CPR trained as follows:

At least every two years.

All supervisors and cutters prior to initial assignment.

New employees other than cutters and supervisors must at least have a first aid CPR briefing before starting.

Log truck drivers and watchers are not required to receive first aid CPR training if they are not involved with falling yarding or processing logs.

Each worksite must have at least one serviceable and operable two way radio, phone or combination available to reach ambulance service. CB's are permitted only as secondary means of communications.

If you are in a dead spot the crew must have a plan to relay emergency calls through another site in the vicinity.

Worksites of more then one day must have:

Written land directions to the worksite.

The location by township, range and section.

When air evacuation is available:

Name and phone number of the evacuation service.

Worksite location by latitude and longitude.

The employer must assure transportation is available to:

A point where an ambulance can be met, or

The nearest suitable medical facility.

Vehicles used for crew transportation must carry a first aid kit:

Suitable for the number of passengers.

Suitable for the types of injuries that could occur.

Located where they are readily available.

First aid kits must be available at each worksite.

First aid kits must contain a minimum amount of supplies.

First aid supplies must be inspected and replenished as needed.

First aid supplies must be in a container to protect the supplies.

The container must be marked First Aid.

It must not be locked but may be sealed.

All employees must be aware of the location of first aid supplies.

What is the employers emergency medical plan?

How do we notify emergency services?

Are there any dead spots where the radios do not work?

How do we deal with the dead spots?

Where are the first aid supplies?

Where are the phone numbers for emergency services?

Where are the section, township and range located?

Where are the latitude and longitude kept?

Working near unstable objects or danger trees:

Each day an inspection dangers must be conducted.

On a daily basis a competent person must evaluate any danger tree or snags.

Personnel must be alert at all times to objects that could roll or slide toward them.

During road construction or maintenance decks, rootwads, slash and rocks must be placed in a stable location.

Who inspects for hazards at our workplace?

Who is our competent person?

What can we do to evaluate the hazards of danger trees etc?

How do we inform employees of the hazards found during the evaluation?

Power line safety:

A 15 foot minimum distance is required.

If activities must be closer than 15 feet the power company must be contacted and a plan developed.

If a power line or pole is contacted the power company must be notified.

If logging operations cannot be made safe due to weather conditions or darkness they must be stopped.

Are we identifying power lines as part of or hazard assessment?

Who contacts the power company if needed?