

Combustible Dust

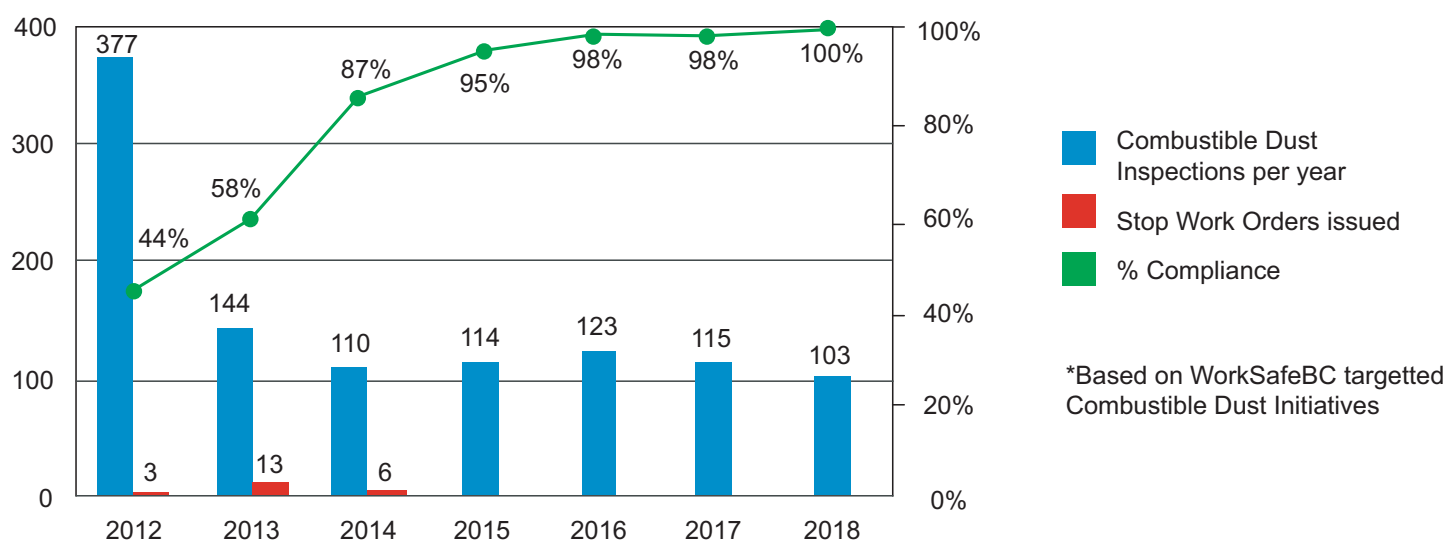
Mitigation and Control: 2012 - 2019



Following two tragic sawmill explosions that took the lives of four men over seven years ago, the significant risks associated with wood dust in manufacturing propelled the **Forest Products Manufacturing Industry, Labour Unions and WorkSafeBC** to come together and work on strong mitigation and control measures.

Between 2012 and 2018, the number of BC sawmills that underwent inspections and responded to WorkSafeBC recommendations rose from a rate of:

47% compliance in 2012 to industry-wide 100% compliance in 2018



Today, there are significant mitigation and control practices in place to eliminate wood dust risk, which required significant industry investment and support:

Over \$100 million invested

Control and mitigation measures across B.C. involve:

- monitoring operations for potential hazards
- sponsorship by WorkSafeBC and SAFER (Safety Advisory Foundation for Education & Research) for combustible dust awareness sessions, resources and employee training
- an annual review of combustible dust programs; and
- an external audit every three years.

*Making you safe,
keeping you safe,
so you go home safe!*

For more information on industry initiatives, training options, and the history behind combustible dust mitigation and control, visit the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) website:

www.bcforestsafe.org/node/2714
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