



2009 Hazard Alert (EXPLODING SPRAY PAINT CAN)



An incident occurred on the 670 Road in the Shuswap Lake area, involving a log truck driver and a spray paint can. With the freezing temperatures, the driver had placed the can of paint directly under the floor board cab heater to warm it up so that it would spray properly. The driver left the can under the direct heat for approximately ½ hour before using. When the driver went to apply the timber mark, to the side of the load, (depressing the spray valve) the can exploded in his hand (both the top and bottom of the can blew off). The driver was impacted with the parts of the can, as well as, the spray paint itself. Even though the driver was wearing safety glasses, he still received paint directly into his eyes.

Key Points to remember when using spray paint:

- Wear appropriate PPE (including Safety glasses & gloves)
- Read, understand and adhere to the warning labels attached to spray paint cans.
- Be familiar with and have access to the MSDS information sheets regarding the product you are using.
- Do not apply spray paint while holding can near your face. Hold at arms-length away.
- Always expect the unexpected.

Please ensure that this notice is posted and reviewed by all your employees.

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