

# Safety Alert OF THE MONTH

March 2013

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## BC Forest Safety Ombudsman

The Forest Safety Ombudsman was created as the means for safety issues to be raised and discussed in as free and open a manner as possible. The Ombudsman provides an impartial, confidential and timely voice within the sector as it is recognized that at times there may be concerns with possible adverse repercussions to those raising the issues. As well, the relative inequality of size and influence of parties within the sector may make the raising and discussion of safety issues difficult.

The Forest Safety Ombudsman has a mandate to:

- Receive issues, investigate and make recommendations about alleged acts, omissions, and improprieties
- Investigate issues about policies, practices, and procedures within BC's forest sector
- Act on his or her own initiative to identify and make recommendations to resolve systemic problems within the forest sector

Complaints may be made to the Forest Safety Ombudsman by:

- Workers
- Employers
- Unions
- Licensees
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors
- The Public
- Agencies



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You can contact the Ombudsman in these ways:

Telephone (Toll Free): 1-877-577-7766

Fax: 250-741-1068

Email: [harris@bcforestsafe.org](mailto:harris@bcforestsafe.org)

Mailing address:

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Office of the Forest Safety Ombudsman  
420 Albert Street  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 2V7

*Please note that all information collected by the Forest Safety Ombudsman is treated as confidential and it will not be used or distributed without your express consent.*

For more information on the Forest Safety Ombudsman, please go to:

<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/ombudsman.html>

