

BCTS Provincial Safe Work Procedure #2 Conducting General Field Activities

KEY HAZARDS	APPLICABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Hazards Slips, trips, falls Items that may damage the eye Falling branches or trees Being lost or stranded Allergies / animals/Insects Harassment and violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate clothing First Aid Kits (Level 1) Hard Hat Visibility Apparel Whistle Insect repellent/sun block Survival gear GPS/ maps Eye protection Communications device



OPERATION PROCEDURES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Come to work prepared for today and tomorrow. You may be stranded. 2. Know your physical or health limitations. Explain those to your co-workers and supervisor and include them in the Emergency response plan if required. 3. Explain any allergies including treatment to co-workers. Ensure you have your sting or allergy kits and you and your co-workers know how to administer them where applicable. 4. Have proper and adequate clothing, footwear, and raingear. Layer your clothing in changing weather conditions. When flying consider natural fibres verses synthetics to protect from fire. Also consider protection from the elements. 5. Have a first aid kit, survival kit, emergency rations, pocket knife, safety matches, whistle worn close to your mouth, emergency flare. Check them 6. Impairment. Understand the BCTS policy. Advise your supervisor and co-workers of any impairment before you go out. It is your responsibility. 7. Have your PPE and communication equipment checked and ready prior to leaving. Batteries? 8. Maps, GPS when used, and Emergency Response. Know where you are going! Double check GPS co-ordinates (they are often inaccurate on maps) Ensure you have an emergency evacuation route including accurate GPS landing or other identifiable pick up spots. 50 metres can be the difference if a helicopter has to find you in fog or snow. 9. Understand the BCTS SWPs including man-checks, working alone, and Emergency response. 10. Know your rights and responsibility as a worker 11. Ensure you have had a discussion on the hazards and are fully aware of the hazards and mitigations. 12. Know who else is working in the area you are going to. Road use, traffic, radio controls, industrial logging settings or other industrial work. 13. Due to risks. Do not handle wildlife or their excrement. 14. Avoid drinking water from field sources 15. Inspect yourself frequently for ticks. Report suspicious bites to first aid and supervisors. 16. Be familiar with the harassment and violence in the workplace policies: 17. Update your supervisor or manager early if you encounter concerns 18. Understand your right to refuse unsafe work 19. Think safety and be efficient but do it safely.

USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT-PPE

All BCTS employees will wear/use PPE when working in the field outside of their vehicle including, on cut blocks, on forest roads, in timber, and on all industrial operations, dryland sorts, log yards, log dumps, quarries, and gravel pits.

1. Hardhats and hi-vis vests must be worn at all times when BCTS staff, are outside of their vehicles. In addition any work that exposes a worker to overhead hazards will require a hard hat. Equivalent visibility on cruisers vests or raingear or other apparel can be used provided it meets WorkSafeBC requirements.
2. Whistle must be worn close to your mouth and used only to signal for assistance or ward off aggressive animals and gain assistance of others.
3. Adequate footwear, caulk boots or non slip footwear must be worn when outside the vehicle as described by local management.
4. Ear protection must be used with activities that pose a risk to hearing loss.
5. Chainsaw pants or similar protection must be worn when using chainsaws.
6. Gloves must be worn when handling materials which have the potential to puncture or irritate the skin or cause other injuries or disease.
7. Eye protection, safety glasses or shields must be worn when working with saws or other equipment or working in thick brush or under story.
8. Other required equipment will include First Aid kits, survival kits, Bear spray, insect repellent.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

In the event of an accident, do the following:

- Assess the accident site to ensure no further danger is present
- Refer to and Follow your Emergency response plan
- Stabilize the victim(s) and provide First Aid treatment to the best of your ability and/or call for the First Aid attendant if required
- The FA Attendant may designate someone to Immediately call 911 for help and relay the following information:
 - Provide the caller's name and location
 - State the nature of the injuries and condition of the victim
 - Provide a call-back number if possible
- Continue to provide First Aid and update rescuers on a regular basis

LOCAL PROCEDURES	BCTS OFFICE
	ATTACHMENTS