

# SAFE Companies UPDATE



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## KUDOS TO 29 NEW SAFETY LEADERS!

From July 21-31, 29 more companies achieved SAFE certification. These companies are to be congratulated, not only for helping to make their job sites safer places to work, but also because they're contributing to a safer culture overall in the BC forest industry:

0792781 BC Ltd., Salmon Arm • A. Hoy Contracting Ltd., Kamloops • Allan Penttila Trucking, Chase • Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd., Burnaby • B. Berry Enterprises Ltd., Port Alberni • Blackdog Forest Engineering, Ladysmith • Carrier Lumber Ltd., Prince George • Clayoquot Forest Management Ltd., Ucluelet • Cowichan Valley Contracting Ltd., Lake Cowichan • Cridland Logging Ltd., Kelowna • Donmar Logging Ltd., Burns Lake • Dutchie's Contracting Ltd., Houston • Infinite Forestry Solutions Ltd., Kamloops • Jennic Shake & Shingle, Port Hardy • Jesse Hunt Trucking, Williams Lake • John Eisert Trucking, Burns Lake • Mack Bros. Logging Co. Ltd., Quesnel • Meints Bros. Contracting Ltd., Houston • Michael Lawrence Cadden / Mike Cadden Contracting, Vernon • Prime Length Timber Ltd., Powell River • Rich Bennett Trucking Ltd., Duncan • Sage Forestry Ltd., Kamloops • Steele Rock Logging Ltd., Campbell River • Taylor & Taylor Contracting Ltd., Prince George • Terry's Grading Ltd., Quesnel • Tor-Kel Contracting Ltd., Salmon Arm • Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Princeton • Western Aerial Applications Ltd., Chilliwack • Yakoun Forestry Consulting Ltd., Massett

## FROM A SLOW START TO A WINNER: CALL AN ADVOCATE

You wouldn't know it by looking at his SEBASE submission for SAFE certification, which scored a near-perfect mark. But, initially, David Sicotte didn't know where to start.

"I was really frustrated — nothing was flowing too well," says David Sicotte of his first steps toward SAFE certification. He owns and operates D.W. Sicotte Trucking Ltd. out of Kaslo, running 7 self-loading trucks that may be hauling for 3 or 4 different companies in any one day.

After taking one of the first SEBASE audit training courses in spring 2007, which had some kinks back then, he felt that the audit didn't apply to his operation. For instance, with all of his drivers on the go, how in the world was he going to deliver safety alerts or get them to sign-off on documents?



### SAFE TRUCKING: David Sicotte in Kaslo

Then the council's safety advocate Bob Lamond entered the picture. After months of putting things off, David contacted him, and Bob made the 4-hour drive to Kaslo to help iron things out.

"David was already doing everything, but he just called it by another name. Or he didn't quite make the connection that that was what the council wanted and he was already doing it," says Bob, who has worked in the forest industry for nearly 40 years, 25 of them in safety. "The majority of cases I help are like that."

The two of them went over the audit standard, step by step.

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“Bob knew what the council was looking for and all the things I was stumbling over, and he answered all my questions in a common sense way, so that really made it possible for me to provide what they were looking for,” says David.

Another common problem was apparent: the way David had been documenting safety issues wasn't quite complete. “A lot of people I've talked to have the same problem,” he says. “They've been doing a lot of the things that they're supposed to be doing, but they don't keep enough paperwork to be able to prove they're doing it.”



### “SAFETY BOB”: Council safety advocate Bob Lamond can iron out the kinks.

So Bob made a lot of practical suggestions, such as including safety alerts with employees' pay envelopes, conducting safety meetings by phone because drivers are on the go, and keeping binders with emergency response procedures handy right in the truck cabs. Bob has also created several written safety policy templates he gladly shares with clients like David so they can adapt them to their own needs.

The bottom line was David was able to assemble a safety audit that reflected his company's solid safety program. Now he laughs when asked if he has any advice for other small company owners doing their first SEBASE audit submission.

“You should call a safety advocate sooner rather than waiting till you're totally frustrated,” he says. “It would have saved me a lot of grief.”

**For more information on the Safety Advocate program, [click here](#).**



## IN TRAINING

### SOME LOCATIONS ARE LIMITED FOR IOO COURSES

If you're an individual owner operator working on your SAFE certification, it would be wise to register as soon as you can for an IOO SAFETY course in your region (**see schedule below**). Don't be lured into thinking that another course will be offered right in your community eventually, plus a good level of interest means the course will not be cancelled.

As the bulk of IOO applications have been processed, many courses in smaller communities have been eliminated due to the low number of registrants. The Safety Council is now focusing on regional hub communities, so you may have to travel a reasonable distance to attend this half-day course.

But if there's enough demand, we'll consider scheduling IOO courses in smaller communities. So if you don't see a course in your region and want to add your name to the waiting list for IOO training, please contact Kelly Milholm, toll-free, at 1-877-741-1060. She can also help you register for these IOO SAFETY courses that still have space available: **Aug. 23, Nanaimo • Aug. 23, 100 Mile House • Sept. 5, Vernon • Sept. 6, Kamloops • Sept. 6, Prince George • Sept. 6, Williams Lake • Sept. 6, Duncan • Sept. 13, Clearwater • Sept. 27, Powell River • Oct. 4, Campbell River**

### ARE YOU A DILIGENT SUPERVISOR REGARDING SAFETY?

Are you a supervisor wondering about your obligations in keeping your workers safe as part of “due diligence”? (“Due diligence” is defined as taking all reasonable care to prevent the occurrence of an incident or event.”) If so, WorkSafe BC has some tips for you. Called **Managing Safety from the Supervisor's Perspective**, this infoflip has some good, practical points on how best to keep workers safe through the 4 interlocking parts of due diligence: information, instruction, training and supervision. **To download your free copy, [click here](#), and scroll down to the icon of a puzzle.**



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