



## TOP 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS IN LOGGING OPERATIONS

As identified by workers, supervisors, and employers in the Ontario logging industry through a Ministry of Labour-facilitated risk assessment workshop in partnership with Workplace Safety North



**1. Mobile equipment:** Distracted driving.



**6. Working alone:** In remote locations.



**2. Substance use:** Under the influence of alcohol, prescription or other drugs.



**7. Regulation:** Working directly on public access roads.



**3. Struck by:** Danger zone infractions.



**8. Fatigue:** Fatigue-induced incidents.



**4. Machine lock out, guarding:** Not properly locking out, improper equipment isolation.



**9. Lifting equipment:** Lifting logs or trees.



**5. Workers taking shortcuts:** Gaps in training, coaching, supervision.



**10. Maintenance:** Mechanics standing on equipment or cylinders to perform maintenance.

The internal responsibility system (IRS) is a system, within a workplace, where everyone shares responsibility for occupational health and safety that is appropriate to their role and function within the workplace. All workplace parties — including employers, managers, supervisors, and workers — need to do their part to raise awareness of risks, and follow and promote safety procedures to help make workplaces safer.

For more information, please contact your WSN Health and Safety Specialist or visit [workplacesafetynorth.ca](http://workplacesafetynorth.ca)



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## **Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Operator-Forestry Pit and Road Construction Equipment Operator Common Core Training**

(Disponible en français)

Successful completion of the operator's classroom course for mechanical harvesting and forestry pit and road construction equipment meets the classroom training requirements of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Operator and Forestry Pit and Road Construction Equipment Operator (MHEO-FPRCEO) certification program. This course can also be completed online.

## **Introduction to Cable Skidding Common Core Training**

(Disponible en français)

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) program Cutter-Skidder Operator Certification is a comprehensive training and evaluation system designed to ensure that all workers and chainsaw and cable skidder operators in the conventional logging sector have the skills and knowledge they require to operate a cable skidder safely and efficiently in a logging operation, as defined by the Ministry of Labour. The course was developed by WSN and sanctioned by the MTCU as the approved pre-employment training program for the skidder operators in conventional logging operations.

## **Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operation Common Core Training**

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The course was developed and is under the auspices of Workplace Safety North and sanctioned by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) as the approved program for pre-employment classroom training for chainsaw operators.

## **Key hazards in logging workplaces**

- Unsafe felling procedures
- Unsafe operation of equipment
- Inadequate maintenance of machine guarding
- Failure to follow lock out procedures
- Poor lifting procedures
- Working in uncomfortable positions
- Equipment operation requiring repetitive motion

## **Also available**

### **Competent Supervisor Training**

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Health and safety awareness training is now law for every worker and supervisor in Ontario. WSN Competent Supervisor training focuses on the health and safety rights and responsibilities of workers, supervisors, and employers; and gives supervisors the tools to integrate health and safety into their everyday role. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain a strong safety culture.

### **Membership benefits**

A strong safety culture is a sign of a healthy, productive workplace. As a member of WSN, you're entitled to expert advice and information, including access to classroom training programs, on-site consultations, health and safety audits, industrial hygiene testing, ergonomic assessments, specific problem-solving, and more.

- On-site employee health and safety training
- Supervisory and management health and safety training
- Workplace safety and health inspections
- Technical safety and health consultation
- Access to health and safety resources

### **About Workplace Safety North**

Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North (WSN) is one of four health and safety associations in Ontario, and the only one headquartered in the north.

WSN provides province-wide government-approved workplace health and safety services for forest products and mining sectors, as well as businesses and communities across northern Ontario.

With health and safety specialists located across the province, WSN and its legacy organizations have been helping make Ontario workplaces safer for more than 100 years.

WSN is a leading provider of health and safety services, and businesses and communities call upon WSN for expert advice and training. For more information, visit [workplacesafetynorth.ca](http://workplacesafetynorth.ca).



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