

CAGC Board Update - Dec 2025 - Feb 2026

ESC	Federal	BC	Alberta	Saskatchewan
Contact: Rod Garland, rod@cagc.ca, 403-669-4672 CAGC Executive Meeting: Update for Dec 2025 - Feb 2026 Note: See "Ongoing" sheet for links to some archived items of importance				
Colour coded for CAGC items				
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HS CAGC website	see link	Jan 1 2026	Access the URL in the links to join some HS groups, committees, view current issues, news and see committee work in progress. Also has access to minutes of advisory committee meetings, current best practices and other news and information of interest. Aim to improve communication. Thanks	https://www.rsg2025.com
Ab Advisory (EAC) Q4 2025	Next meeting Feb 26 2026 in person	Nov 27 2025	Board - Please inform CAGC of any items or issues concerning AB safety, training or operations to be shared with this committee. Mike Colwell and Rod Garland are the CAGC representatives. Minutes will be available on request. Safety moment 1 of the 7 videos on critical work from the Creative Sentencing project. Reviewed outstanding action items. Discussed some companies moving away from using the CSO standard and the need to seek equivalencies with ISN and some of the other orientations being used by companies. Circled through Industry Association issues. Enserva & CAPP are responding to the new Benzene regulations in BC, also NORMs and H2S exposure limits were discussed - could collaborate on these reviews. Also the Saskatchewan OHS review is underway, ESC can facilitate a response through the Sask Advisory committee. CAOEC mentioned a failure of a Lewmar-Ocean made winch fitting. Discussion on reforming a working group to collaborate on H&S Metrics, Process Safety & reporting guidelines for SIFs & PSIs. Banff conference now open for registration. 2026 meetings Feb 26, May 28, Sep 24 & Nov 26.	https://www.energysafetycanada.com/Resources
Trade Association Meeting	Next meeting Jan 29 2026	Nov 25 2025	Pre meeting to the AB Advisory Committee to discuss association issues. This was excellent and gave each association time to address their issues. There is never enough time at the Advisory committee to discuss these in depth. I have got into the habit in the past of providing a "CAGC comments" document for inclusion with their minutes. They plan to keep these informal and open and will try to have them just before the planned AC meetings in the future.	
Alberta WCB	2026 Premium Rates Information for employers	Jan 1 2026	The average collected rate in 2026 will be \$1.46 per \$100 of assessable earnings compared to the required rate of \$1.51. The rate of \$1.46 reflects a 3.5% increase over 2025	2026 Premium Rates Highlights.pdf
Energy Safety Canada	Canadian Chapter of Drops Next meeting Feb 5 2026	Sep 4 2025	Will receive minutes that can be shared on request when I receive them. Most producers are establishing Drops programs and policies, including for seismic work, so members should join to stay informed. ESC has a link on their updated landing page. Look for the teardrop icon for a link to the Drops Canada site. 2026 Meeting Dates: February 5 – Guest Speaker: Allen Smith April 2 – Guest Speaker: Fergus Murray. June 4, September 3	https://www.dropsonline.org/
Energy Safety Canada	Leadership for Safe Workplaces (LSW)	Jan 1 2026	Leadership for Safe Workplaces (LSW) courses offered in Alberta in 2026. These courses will be available at a discounted rate of \$100.	Energy Safety Canada - Course
Energy Safety Canada	Executive Safety Roundtable Event	Jan 27 2026	7.30am at Calgary Petroleum Club -	
Energy Safety Canada	SIMOPS	Jan 30 2026	Important: Volunteers (SMEs) sought to advise ESC in preparing tools and guidance for a Creative Sentencing project that is expected to last about 1 year. Please let us know of your interest.	NEWS CAGC
Click Before You Dig	Canada wide changes	Feb 4 2026	Important: The system for requesting buried facility locates is changing. Register for Webinars in January and February at the link.	Upcoming Software Changes Before You Dig Partners Help Center

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BC Advisory Q4 2025	Next meeting Feb 12 2026	Nov 20 2025	Board - Please inform CAGC of any items or issues concerning BC safety, training or operations to be shared with this committee. Don Baergen of LXL Consulting and Rod Garland are the CAGC representatives. WorksafeBC were not in attendance; minutes are available. Excess Funding From Prior Year \$219,406 Excess (Deficiency) Of Expenditures Over British Columbia WCB Funding \$219,406 Minus: Return of unspent funding (\$70,140). December 9th is the BC Pre-Drilling seasonal update, register through ESC. Full minutes will be available when received. Performance Metrics group being reformed. COR pilots are underway in Sask, AB & BC. Report positive on the BC Safety conference, will be selecting a date for 2026.	https://www.rsg2025.com/file-share/befa2de0-55db-4d99-b05e-ea1d85fef05
Sask Advisory Q4 2025	Next meeting Feb 24 2026	Nov 25 2025	Board - Minutes will be available and presentations will be posted on ESC website. 2026 meeting dates • AGM & Q1: Tuesday, February 24 • Q2: Tuesday, May 26, • Q3: Tuesday, August 25, • Q4: Tuesday, November 24. Q3 2025 Financial Snapshot (YTD)• Funding Received: \$600,000 • Expenses Incurred: \$619,676 • Deficiency (Revenues vs Expenses): \$19,676 K WCB Statistics • 2025 ESC premium averages \$1.39 per \$100 payroll, above the provincial rate of \$1.28. • Combined, all four ESC rate codes showed a minor increase in claim counts when comparing Q3 2025 vs Q3 2024. • 98% of employers pay base or discounted premiums; only 2% face a surcharge.	Energy Safety Canada -
Sask OHS Regulation Review	TBD	Nov 17 2025	Worked through Parts 1 to 5 of the Saskatchewan OHS regulations. ESC facilitated working group addressing significant changes to the code. A joint response will be prepared by ESC to Saskatchewan Government. Focused on harmonization with BC & AB regulations when possible and updating the wording for clarity, accuracy and necessity.	
Energy Safety Canada	Bob Ross retirement	Feb 24 2026	Bob Ross, who has worked for Saskatchewan OHS and sat on the Enform BOD and the Saskatchewan ESC Advisory Committee, is retiring in February. He contributed significantly to the safety of the industry, and we wish him all the very best in his retirement.	
Energy Safety Canada	Safety Standards Council Next at Suncor Feb 12 1-3pm	Nov 7 2025	9 attended in-person, 3 online at Petroleum Club. Intros, Chair Shelley Powell Suncor, Vice Corey Lazar Precision. Action items were discussed and most cleared as complete. Cenovus will be joining the Standard's council. Safety Share Critical Work and Creative Sentencing new program and update on AB, BC & SK. Last Meeting minutes were approved. 2026 Operational Plan was discussed by Vineeta Maguire. Round Table SSC Feedback & Discussion didn't introduce any new standards, Support for CSO and New COR was supported by a couple of members. AI was discussed as a potential for all sectors getting on the same track and an opportunity for ESC to take a leadership role and for ESC to add AI training in the future. Some members did not agree thought that would take us down a rabbit hole.. ESC concentrating on their operational plan i.e. Serious Incidents (PSI) Data. The meeting was ended 1/2 hour early. Minutes will be available on request in due course.	File Share CAGC
ESC H2S Committee	Next meeting Apr 2026	Sep 10 2025	H2S Alive Course Update - Version 25.1 has been fully implemented. All previous versions have been discontinued. Feedback has been largely positive, though minor manual errors were identified for future revision. EAL & Assessment Tool (CCLB) The Language & Assessment Tool was developed in collaboration with Canadian Language Benchmarks and Alberta Workplace Essential Skills to support instructors in evaluating basic English comprehension. Students who do not pass the assessment are redirected to appropriate resources and may audit the course. The pilot program was successful, with a broader rollout planned for January 2026. DCFS & H2S Course Statistics -from January – September 2025, Approximately 65,000 students successfully certified in H2S Alive. Over 6,000 students completed certification through the Blended format, reflecting its growing popularity. The Detection and Control course certified around 500 students; its future is currently under review. Minutes are available and include a review of the Blended course option and technology.	

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ESC - Seismic Blaster	Seismic Blaster Training Courses (link) and Inter Provincial certification	Nov 1 2025	FYI: Seismic Blaster courses are \$345 Virtual, \$320 Classroom. The cost is displayed once the course location is input on the ESC website. Contact Andy Davis for custom training requirements and costs. Andrew.davis@energysafetycanada.com. ESC has developed a training course to meet the BC requirement for annual training, which can be modified to accommodate new TDG & Explosive Act changes, as well as Part 9 updates, as per the requirements outlined in Gazette 1.	Energy Safety Canada - Course
Earth Science for Society ESFS	Booth at 3-day event Volunteers required	Mar 15-17, 2026	CAGC agreed to participate again at UofC in 2026. We will be seeking volunteers and giveaways (mostly for kids in grades 5-10). Last year, our booth was very popular. If anyone has any thoughts on raising our game, let me know. For more information on ESfS and our 2026 exhibition, please visit: esfscanada.com. To view photographs of the event and read participants' comments, refer to the 2025 Thank You booklet, available on our ESFS website or on facebook https://www.facebook.com/esfscanada	(8) Facebook
H&S Meeting	Zoom Meeting. Next meeting Feb 10 2026	Nov 18 2025	Greg from Salus Safety gave a short presentation on their AI assistant with an opportunity to test it out for free with AI queries. Jennyfer and Matt Broughton gave an update on a pilot COR Partnership and ESC are conducting in Lloydminster with SAExploration on a new proposed audit process that will reduce the documentation validation and concentrate more on observances of field crews and safety programs. The early conclusions are positive. There is a proposal to have external audits every 3rd year with interim Action Plans focused on where companies should be improving their programs. Join the Drops Canadian Chapter, it is free. WCB Regulator packages were presented in written form. Leigh-Ann with AB WCB stressed looking at their portal and subscribing to their newsletter. Jordan talked about their Creative Sentencing project and Andy gave an update on the Blaster courses and program. There are new Explosives Act changes for Transport Permits and training when carrying explosives see Gazette 1 for details. These will likely come into effect next year or 2027, ESC have developed training that may be relevant, details will be on ESC website and cover some TDG requirements and satisfy annual BC blaster training requirements.	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/create-manage/first-aid-requirements
Energy Safety Canada	COR Next meeting Mar 12 2026	Dec 3 2025	Minutes are available. Safety Share - winter driving. COR offline tool has been completed - a few bugs have been corrected. SECOR online audit tool is active on the website, 50+ companies have used it and provided positive feedback. Andy Reimer presented on the proposed changes in the COR process, to make it more SIF relative, using HOP principles, new tools (e.g. Energy Wheel) and with less document checking, but more observance of actual field and office H&S Systems. The term CBSA (competency based scalable audit) is replaced with Adaptive Audit. Alberta CPs have done some pilots in conjunction with ESC using this new process (e.g. SAE Matt Broughton). Saskatchewan are funding ESC to develop a new COR system that mirrors AB. BC is waiting for AB before adopting similar COR requirements, so is unchanged for the time being. We have been pushing for audits every 3rd year with Action Plans in the other years to focus on specific improvements to a company's HS Systems. Also emphasizing Harmonization and Standardization and establishing equivalencies between COR & ISO etc.	
Energy Safety Canada	Energy Safety Conference, Banff	Apr 27-30, 2026	Registration is now open see the link. This year's program brings practical, real-world insights on serious injury and fatality prevention, human performance, leadership, and more. All Access - Individual - CA\$1,575.00 full access to conference sessions, one workshop of your choice, tradeshow, welcome reception and happy hour. Conference Only - Individual - CA\$1,100.00 access to conference sessions, tradeshow, welcome reception and happy hour. All Access - GROUP REGISTRATION (min. 3 persons) - CA\$1,375.00 each full access to conference sessions, one workshop of your choice, tradeshow, welcome reception and happy hour. Conference Only - GROUP REGISTRATION (min. 3 persons) - CA\$900.00 each access to conference sessions, tradeshow, welcome reception and happy hour.	https://esc2026.swoogo.com/home/10330665

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SPIGEC	Saskatchewan Environmental Government/industry next meeting Mar 10 (10 am-Noon, CST)	Dec 9 2025	Environmental issues in Saskatchewan, Rod Garland attends on behalf of CAGC. Alternates when available Cam Moore, Glen Verbaan, and Wendy Lafontaine. Not as well attended as usual by Government or Industry. Updates were given and there will be minutes available. Proposed Changes to the Activity Restriction Guidelines from Jeanette Pepper (BACU – ENV), Standardizing Permit Conditions Review given by Brett Vallee (ENV). The Land Management and Permitting Unit with the Ministry of Environment has been completing a review on conditions currently being used for permits, clearances and authorizations to ensure conditions are up-to-date and reflect program alignment. Conditions are being reviewed to align with outcome-based results. 2026 dates are Mar 10, Jun 9, Sep 8, Dec 8	
Saskatchewan	SK1 Caribou Working Group (table 4)	Nov 27 2025	Working group meeting online for Table 4. Tables 5 & 6 to come before release of plan. Woodland Caribou are stable in SK1 and access is very sparse. They will provide plans for Road and Trail framework to reach the resource rich areas. Wildfire is more significant as a threat to Caribou. Commercial activity is limited to mining, uranium, etc. Forestry and Oil & Gas is minimal. Generally the guidelines will be tiered and similar to the SK2 range plans. Hunting is minimal as the preferred species are the barren-ground species of caribou. Competition from Moose and deer is less than SK2, predators are not as prolific as there has not been the same volume of activity and linear development.	

CAGC Board Update - (On Going H&S Items)				
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CAGC Executive Meeting: On Going H&S Items 2022/2023/2024/2025				
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SECOR	Free Webinars Recordings - Changes to the SECOR audit protocol for 2023 go to webinars in demand on ESC site	on-going	Comes into effect in 2023. ESC Webinars in Demand - information session to review topics including Overview of new content - HSE representatives and committees, violence and harassment, and other affected parties, SECOR audit protocol revisions - scoring changes, layout, changes to specific elements, 10 of them including Inspections have their own section and removed from hazards. There are some guides and fillable forms on the website now, and company profiles will carry over year to year. Updates you may need to make to your programs to meet the new requirements and the resources to help. A recording will be available at the conclusion of the Sep 22 presentation that will be available as a webinar-in-demand. Note: COR audits this year must be registered before Dec 15th, 2022 as the ESC website will be revised to the new requirements using new software for the planned opening Feb 2023. Audits may be accepted from a worksite in another province by prior consultation with the certifying partner.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 7R53pJalWs
Drops Online	Canadian Chapter see link	on-going	Canadian Chapter and further resources at Energy Safety Canada Website link from "Standards & Programs" tab on their home page	https://www.dropsonline.org/about/drops-organisation/drops-canada-chapter/
Drops UK Chapter	dropped object video	on-going	Watch the You tube video on dropped objects in the link ----->	Epigroup SOUTH 32 - Dropped Objects Safety Video - YouTube
Drops Online	Good Load Securing, Lifting & Hoisting resources	on-going	Dropped objects and unsafely secured loads represent a high frequency of serious & fatal incidents. These free resources (see link) should be incorporated into health & safety programs	https://www.dropsonline.org/resources-and-guidance/
Energy Institute	Safety Alerts & Resources	on-going	Toolbox (free download) connects workers from around the world to health and safety insights from leading energy companies. MOU signed with Energy Safety Canada	https://toolbox.energyinst.org/
ESC	HOP Video	on-going	Video on the 5 HOP principles, 1 Error is normal, 2 Blame fixes nothing, 3 Learning & Improvement is vital and deliberate, 4 Context influences behavior & Systems drive outcomes, 5 Leadership matters how you act & respond counts	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVRRQ-hIEZY
ESC	Alcohol & Drug Guideline	on-going	Canadian Model Version 6.1 - modified resources	Energy Safety Canada -
IOGP 376	Lifting and hoisting recommended practice	on-going	This Report hopes to enable a significant reduction in lifting incidents among IOGP Member Companies and contractors by highlighting the essential principles of safe lifting and encouraging their strict application to lift and hoisting operations. Secondly, this report aims to assist those responsible for planning, managing, and controlling lifting and hoisting operations by providing high-level principles and operative questions to check the safety and technical compliance at working sites. Free download at link	https://www.iogp.org/bookstore/product/lifting-hoisting-safety-recommended-practice/?utm_source=IOGP+mailing+list&utm_campaign=5ba51ed8c6-2018s+suite_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7b077f7860-5ba51ed8c6-451391510&mc_cid=5ba51ed8c6&mc_eid=c5a7a3fd85
Worksafe BC	Blaster - Professional Development	on-going	For holders of a BC Blaster's certificate, every year during the term of a blaster's certificate, the blaster must receive at least 6 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) relating to blasting best practices. It is important for CPD hours to be verifiable (e.g., via a certificate of course completion, and proof of attendance). See the Link for this form which can be completed and signed by both the blaster and the employer or manager. Also, you can view this information sheet for a list of suggested training topics. While this is a BC Blaster certification requirement, holders of an Energy Safety Canada Blaster certificate are not at this time mandated to take this annual training although it could be considered a safe work practice (swp). Although it would be considered best practice for all blasters to receive at least 6 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) relating to blasting best practices. It is only mandatory for blasters holding a WorkSafeBC blasting certificate not backed by another jurisdiction. Regards Warren Fulton, Diving & Blasting Certification Services, Prevention Divisional Services, and Credentialling, 250.881.3420 1.888.621.7233 - ext. 3420, WorkSafeBC, 4514 Chatterton Way, Victoria, BC V8X 5H2 worksafebc.com	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/forms/continuing-professional-development-log-training-declaration-blasters?lang=en

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Worksafe BC BC First Aid	Jurisprudence package: Obtaining OFA certification in BC	on-going	If you are a certified first aid attendant outside B.C. or an emergency medical assistant (EMA) within B.C., you can be issued a certificate to carry out first aid in B.C. This package includes reading and writing exercises to help you prepare for employment as a first aid attendant.	Jurisprudence package for other jurisdictions: Obtaining OFA certification in British Columbia WorkSafeBC
Worksafe BC	Safety Alert Manual Falling & Supervision	on-going	<p>Safety Alert – Supervision of Manual Falling Activity: Due to 2 recent fatalities; a near miss that could have caused a fatality and an injury rate in the Manual Tree Falling Classification nearly 10 times the BC provincial average, the Prevention Services division of Worksafe BC has distributed an advisory letter to industries involved in these types of falling activities. During inspections, they have identified a lack of adequate supervision as a primary factor including inadequate time spent in planning falling work, notably at work sites where the supervisor had a dual role also as an active faller. Inappropriate supervision at work sites with changing conditions that introduces higher levels of risk and a need for effective supervision of supervisors by Employers & Prime Contractors were also identified as areas of concern.</p> <p>Worksafe BC will be ramping up inspections with a focus on the effectiveness of falling supervision.</p>	
Kaska-B.C.	Land Use Planning Project	on-going	Kaska-B.C. Land Use Planning Project - see the link for details in the area west of Fort Nelson and south of Liard. Essentially restricting land use development to Tourism & Recreation activities only and as sanctioned by the FNs in the area and the BC Government. They say existing tenure will be unaffected, but that isn't stated in the project information. Big concern for exploration of minerals and other resources as expressed by the feedback of attendees at the session. A recording and minutes will be made available on request.	https://planninginpartnership.ca/p/666b568a6b56900039b8f585/project-details
ESC	MicroLearnings	on-going	Learn about the 10 microlearning clips for Life Saving Rules (LSRs). These small bite-sized videos are designed to reinforce the concepts for each LSR, remind workers about them, and prompt critical thinking about how they can be applied on the work site. ----->	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E86cuzfWigc&feature=youtu.be
Alberta EDGE	Environmental and Dangerous Goods Emergencies	on-going	Alberta Center for Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG), industrial railway, environment and energy incident reporting, and TDG inquiries.	https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-environmental-and-dangerous-goods-emergencies.aspx#jumplinks-2
3M%	Links	on-going	see the link for Drops securing items	https://www.3mcanada.ca/3M/en_CA/worker-health-safety-ca/fall-protection/fall-protection-for-tools/
Worksafe Saskatchewan	On-line training courses	on-going	Ergonomics, Hazard assessment, identification and control, WHMIS 2015, Pandemic preparedness, Psychological health and safety, Young worker readiness certificate course, Workplace Incident Investigation, Workplace Inspection Training, Workplace Violence and Acts of Aggression	https://www.worksafesask.ca/training/online-courses/
Worksafe Saskatchewan	Machine Guarding Checklist	on-going	See the link for a checklist. For use in your safety system with barriers & guarding of machines and equipment. Other resources are available on request. E.g. risk matrix for machine guards, policy requirements etc.	https://www.worksafesask.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Machine-guarding-checklist.pdf
Saskatchewan Environmental	Projects Near Water	on-going	see website for project requirements near water	https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/timing-periodes/sk-eng.html
Saskatchewan Caribou Ranges SK1 & 2	Caribou Sightings Link	on-going	Report a Caribou. Don't forget, you can submit a woodland caribou sighting to the Saskatchewan Data Conservation Centre	https://biodiversity.sk.ca/reportcaribou.htm
Federal Migratory Birds 2022	Updated regulation 2023	on-going	See link for changes to the regulation last amendment made June 2023	https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2022-105/index.html
Federal Water	Projects Near Water	on-going	see website for project requirements near water	https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/timing-periodes/index-eng.html
Transport Canada	ERG 2024 New Guidebook for Emergency Response	on-going	Guidebook for Dangerous Goods in North America including IDs and details of all dangerous goods with emergency response procedures and instructions. Download apps for android and apple available also	Emergency Response Guidebook (canada.ca)

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WorksafeBC	Free Supervisor Course	on-going	This free, online course is for supervisors in any industry. The content is designed to help you understand your responsibilities and discover how to be a more effective supervisor by championing workplace health and safety. The course allows you to proceed at your own pace and select the topics you want to explore, including safety management systems, new and young worker education and training, impairment, incident analysis, claims and disability management, and more. You can also earn a certificate of completion at the end of the course.	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/interactive-tools/supervising-for-safety-course?lang=en&origin=s&returnurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.worksafebc.com%2Fen%2Fsearch%23sort%3DRelevancy%26q%3Dsupervising%2520for%2520safety%26f%3Alanguage-facet%3D%5BEnglish%5D&highlight=supervising%20for%20safety
BC First Aid	Presentation Russell English at HS Meeting	on-going	Presentation from Russell English on the new BC First Aid Regulations effective Nov 1 2024. Regs now point to the CSA Standard Z-1210-17. Schedule 3-A First Aid Kits are now on WSBC website also. There are templates to help with injury risk assessments which must be done (written) for each worksite. Intermediate level FA training is required on hugh risk worksites. The transportation endorsement remains as before. Previous certificates within last 3 years will be ok, but new certificate will be required as per the new regs. Additional guidance will be provided, beyond that posted in June. Northern Health may be able to help with resources and information on medical facilities and ambulances and their hours and capabilities. Employers have more obligations to plan for emergencies and care and transportation of injured workers. Annual Drills are now required that have to be documented. Workers have to be involved through committees or HS advisor for developing hazard and control assessments. See link for further details & FAQs.	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/create-manage/first-aid-requirements
WSBC - Regulations	OHSRs3.5 - General Requirements (workplace inspections)	on-going	Every employer must ensure that regular inspections are made of all workplaces, including buildings, structures, grounds, excavations, tools, equipment, machinery, and work methods and practices, at intervals that will prevent the development of unsafe working conditions. (5 occurrences)	
WSBC	Free Courses with certificates from RoadSafety at Work, BC	on-going	These courses range from one to three hours including learning activities. Each can be taken at your own pace. You can start anytime throughout the year and login for short or longer periods to complete the activities	https://roadsafetyatwork.ca/online-course/
WorksafeBC	BC Wildfire Act	on-going	See the Link for the rules on Employer's responsibilities in managing fires and having personnel and equipment seconded to fight fires in BC.	https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/04031_01#section6
Worksafe BC	Part 5 OHS Amendments to Emergency Procedures for Hazardous Substances	on-going	Aims to expand the existing requirements related to emergency procedures for hazardous substances. These changes focus on minimizing risks to workers and others. See link to download full details, e.g. written procedures, drills etc.	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/law-policy/discussion-papers/approved-amendments-2024-part-5-emergency-planning?lang=en&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8rWsHylAtD9ft_T3F1Rsmvv9D0bhR3woSzeFFwTKmVjycJGe-IrZkR7UJwEn35gkxrC0J94NURky8Qb_OFsxAfhabw rw&hsmi=340834123&utm_content=340834123&utm_source=hs_email
GOA HR Agencies	let us know if you want this HR list of employable persons from the Employment agencies	on-going	Representatives of Alberta Government-funded Employment service agencies under the leadership of Cheryl Knight and Pat Hufnagel met at Eagle with HR leaders for Eagle, Sisma & SAE. They exchanged contact information and a synopsis of their services and needs. Challenges were highlighted, as well as timing and qualification details. The agencies are sponsored by funding and can supply prior and post-hiring support, e.g. training, PPE, the initial portion of wages, and pre-interviews to identify suitable candidates for the positions. Some agencies have regional offices, and each specialises in, e.g. Indigenous, youth, immigrant, criminal record, etc., See further details for future events and meetings and a full description when it is completed. Further info was distributed via Mike's newsletter and to the H&S Committee with details of Employment agencies	Join the meeting now<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Nzl2OWI2ZDQtZmFINS00NzRiLWE4ZDctMDMzMWU0N2JlMDM3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22cf4e8a24-641b-40d2-905e-9a328b644fab%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22632e83cd-e07a-4f56-ae9c-5ab0c8612bdd%22%7d>
Alberta	CAPG - Productivity Grants	on-going	Available in September, these grants are available in Alberta for qualified organizations & companies for training support under certain conditions. I attended the info session where a lot of Questions were answered about the conditions and grant process, Q&As were shared via Mike's newsletter. See the link for details. Mike will present at Red Deer. Grant is up to \$100,000 per year for each company. Designed to improve Productivity so not HS or normal safety training requirements.	Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant Alberta.ca

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COR	COR development	on-going	Rod Garland represents. Committee structure has changed with emphasis more on the transistion of COR to a HOP centric cetification process. It is proposed to be more in line with the prevention of SIFs (serious injuries and fatalities), less with small incidents and injuries. Saskatchewan WCB has interest in pursuing the same sort of approach and is collaborating with ESC to this end. Good presentation on what could be involved (available on request) given by Andy Reimer. Would need acceptance by producers, which might be a problem for some as they have developed their own systems and will be unlikely to invest in a new direction with more cost. Proposed is to move to audits every 3 years, with action plans focused on improvement in the intermediate years. Replacement of the TRIF metric as a measure of company's HS program. BC is generally supportive, members urged the need to harmonize across the provinces.	
Chainsaw Faller Program	Danger Trees	Jun 1 2025	If a worker will be exposed to a dangerous tree through his or her job, the tree must be felled or a risk assessment must be completed. In BC, only a person with suitable training acceptable to WorkSafeBC can make the assessment and advise on managing the hazard.The Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor Certificate (WDTAC), recognized by WorkSafeBC as an acceptable training program under Section 26.11 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, consists of three modules that provide specialized training in proper assessment and safety procedures for wildlife dangerous trees in specific forestry and industry-related operations.	Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor Certificate Program UNBC
Worksafe BC	Part 5 OHS Amendments to Emergency Procedures for Hazardous Substances	on-going	Aims to expand the existing requirements related to emergency procedures for hazardous substances. These changes focus on minimizing risks to workers and others. See link to download full details, e.g. written procedures, drills etc.	https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/law-policy/discussion-papers/approved-amendments-2024-part-5-emergency-planning?lang=en&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8rWsHylAtD9ft_T3F1Rsmvv9D0bhR3woSzeFFwTKmVjycJGe-IrZkR7UJwEn35gkxrC0J94NURky8Qb_OFsxAfhabw-rw&hsmi=340834123&utm_content=340834123&utm_source=hs_email
WorksafeBC	BC Wildfire Act	on-going	See the Link for the rules on Employer's responsibilities in managing fires and having personnel and equipment seconded to fight fires in BC.	https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/04031_01#section6
Chainsaw Faller Program	Danger Trees	on-going	If a worker will be exposed to a dangerous tree through his or her job, the tree must be felled or a risk assessment must be completed. In BC, only a person with suitable training acceptable to WorkSafeBC can make the assessment and advise on managing the hazard.The Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor Certificate (WDTAC), recognized by WorkSafeBC as an acceptable training program under Section 26.11 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, consists of three modules that provide specialized training in proper assessment and safety procedures for wildlife dangerous trees in specific forestry and industry-related operations.	Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor Certificate Program UNBC
WorksafeBC	Emergency response Part 5 changes	on-going	Specific requirements are clarified for the written plan, frequency of drills, training, etc, for emergency response planning and communication. This came into effect on February 3, 2025. See the link for the amended regulation.	BOD Decision — 2024/05/29-05 — Amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation — Part 5, Emergency Planning WorkSafeBC
Faller Program	BC regulation Variance	On-going	A 3-year variance extension was approved by WorksafeBC for conditional 3 at the tree during the training of CAGC QSTs and CAGC Faller Tutors. Ref section 21.39 of the regulation	

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Alberta Forest and Prairie Protection Act	Regulation	on-going	<p>Conscription for fire fighting</p> <p>13(1) A forest officer or a fire guardian may require any able-bodied adult person not exempted by regulations to assist in fighting a fire.</p> <p>(2) A forest officer or fire guardian may commandeer and authorize payment for the possession or use of any equipment for the purpose of fighting a fire.</p> <p>Fire control plans</p> <p>23(1) A person carrying on or having charge of an industrial or commercial operation on public land or within one kilometre of any public land shall at the request of a forest officer submit a fire control plan satisfactory to the forest officer, within the time determined by the forest officer.</p> <p>Fire fighting equipment 24 A person carrying on or having charge of an industrial or commercial operation in or within one kilometre of any public land shall have on hand fire fighting equipment in accordance with the regulations capable of controlling and suppressing any fire that may occur directly or indirectly as a result of the operation.</p>	Alberta King's Printer: