



UPCOMING EVENTS

- FSANL AGM October 7, 2020 9:00-10:00 am Contact the office for details on how to attend.
- Thanksgiving October 12

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Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

Kruger Firewood Permits



Firewood season is finally here. For those of you that have been itching to get back in the woods to cut your firewood the wait is over.

Please remember to wear your chainsaw safety gear when you use your saw. Just because you are not at work does not mean you can't get injured. Workers are more likely to become hurt off the job doing the same tasks they do at work simply because they think I only have to wear the safety equipment at work.

Remember the same hazards presented on the job are also present at home. Don't take shortcuts thinking it's not going to happen to me. Many serious injuries and fatalities happen off the job as well. Put safety first.

Even though the fire season is over we must still keep fire safety in mind. We should keep our fire suppression equipment out and accessible until the snow flies. Make sure the fire suppression systems on our equipment is in good working order and that the operators knows how to use it. As well make sure your fire extinguishers are charged and properly tested in all locations of your operation.

Keep an eye out for people hunting on your operations and do not hesitate to call Wildlife Enforcement 1-877-820-0999 or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS. All calls are confidential.

Continue to lobby government and the Forestry Industry Association to put the proper protections in place to protect you in your workplace.

Safety Moment

Are there different types of hearing loss?

Yes, there are different types of hearing loss. Hearing loss can affect the middle or outer ear and be classed as conductive. If it affects the inner ear it is sensorineural. You can also have a combination of both conductive and sensorineural hearing loss which is referred to as combined hearing loss.

Different levels of hearing loss

Hearing loss affects people differently. Most people do not realize their hearing is being impaired as it is gradual in most cases. Exposure to noise levels 85 decibels or more for 8 hours a day will cause damage. Even if it is only slightly above the 85-decibel threshold. In severe cases a person is exposed to a sudden loud noise such as the discharge of a firearm which causes an immediate noticeable loss of hearing.



- **Mild hearing loss.** A loss of hearing between 26 to 40 decibels.
- **Moderate hearing loss.** A loss of hearing between 41 to 55 decibels.
- **Severe hearing loss.** A loss of hearing more than 71 decibels.

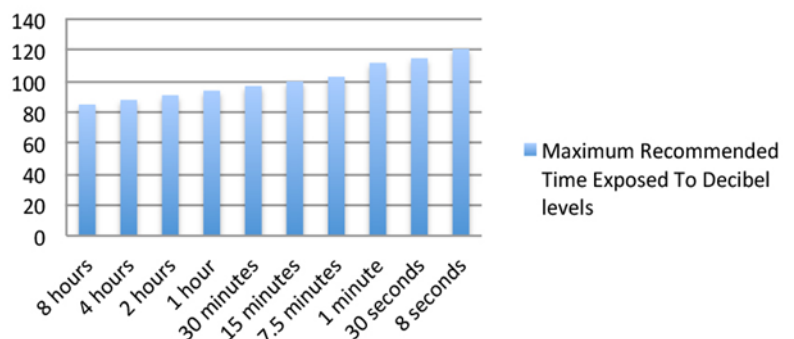
Workers who begin to experience hearing loss can prevent it from getting worse if they put the appropriate measures in place to prevent it from getting worse in most cases.

FACT

There were 229 hearing loss claims submitted to Work-placeNL in 2019.

Type of Work	Decibel Level
Truck Driver	85
Loader Operator	88
Feller Buncher	94
Forwarder	97
Chainsaw	108
Band Saw	99
Edger Saw	96
Resaw	97
Planer	101

Maximum Recommended Time Exposed To Decibel levels



Message from the Executive Director

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the cooler temperatures and getting out hunting and cutting firewood like most people. The days are shorter and darkness falls pretty fast. Remember when you are going to or leaving your site that moose move at sunrise and sunset. Keep your moose eyes on when travelling. Also be aware of the colder temperatures as wet surfaces could have black ice that may be difficult to see.

We are getting into cold and flu season. We have done really well with regards flattening the curve in our province. Just because the numbers here remain low does not mean we can relax. Keep doing what you have been doing and lets beat this thing together. Please make sure you get your flu shot. If you have the flu and do contract Covid-19 it will be difficult to fight it off.

FSANL has been out during the summer months visiting some of our members. It was great getting to meet with some of you at your work sites and we really appreciate the warm reception we received. We understand in the present situation posed by Covid-19 that some companies may not want a visit. FSANL will call ahead to see if it is ok for us to visit. FSANL will continue with more member visits into the fall and we look forward to speaking with you. If you would like a visit or more information on FSANL please feel free to contact us at any time.

FSANL has been in contact with the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources concerning changes to be made to the Forestry Act. These changes are designed to add better protection for forestry workers during hunting season. Speaking to several companies there is a great concern about hunters on your operations. This is not acceptable. These hunters that hunt around forestry operations and go as far as to tear down no hunting signs have never worked in the woods and do not understand the serious safety issue they are creating. Its up to all of us to educate these people on the dangers of hunting around forestry workers. Talk to your family and friends and start the conversation whenever you get the opportunity. Contact your MHA and put the pressure on to make the appropriate changes necessary.

FSANL has been working on information regarding hearing protection as a part of our 2020 safety initiative. We have completed 5 days of toolbox talks to help you discuss this with your crews. We are also putting the finishing touches the requirements for a hearing conservation program as required by the legislation. Stay tuned, you will find this on the website real soon.

FSANL has increased its social media presence in 2020. We will be having a contest on our Facebook page and you can win some Barnes Sporting Goods gift certificates. Go online to see how you can take part in the contest.

Please remember as you enjoy your activities to keep safety as your first priority. Obey all rules and regulations related to your activity and please be sure to wear all appropriate safety gear required. Have fun, be safe and keep the sawdust out of your boots.

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**Don't forget to wear the
proper safety equipment
for the job!**



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FSANL would like to thank WorkplaceNL for their continued support and look forward to working with them to reduce injuries in the forest industry.

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following courses.

Chainsaw Safety Awareness
Brush Saw Safety Awareness
Power Line Hazard
OHS Committee Training
Emergency, Standard, Wilderness First Aid
Fall Protection (1 or 2 day)
Confined Space
Lock out/tag out
Environmental Awareness
ATV, UTV, & Snowmobile Training

NATHAN'S SAFETY TIP:

**"NEVER TRIM
TREES NEAR
POWER LINES."**



Nathan Martin, Arborist

Nathan knows the dangers of trimming trees around power lines all too well, that's why he wants the public to know that trimming trees near power lines is best left for professionals. Never cut or trim trees near power lines and never attempt to remove a tree that has fallen into a power line. If you are a contractor or heavy equipment operator who works close to power lines, make sure you always look up before you cut, and follow all Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. **THINK SAFE. LIVE SAFE.**

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