

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thanksgiving October 11
- Remembrance Day
 November 11

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Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

The FSANL Health and Safety Conference was a huge success again this year. It is obvious from the comments made by those attending it was missed last year.

We would like to thank our presenters;

- -Jade Kearley Community Mental Health Initiative
- -Jack Kenney Medical West Supplies
- -Lisa Kavanagh WorkplaceNL
- -Jason Foster Resource Enforcement Division
- -Christine Simms Western Health
- -Dion Newman Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
- -Bill Dawson Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Industry Association
- -Kim Hart from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Those in attendance were very excited to be in a room with other people again. It was really nice to see you and thank you for following public health regulations with physical distancing and wearing your masks.

FSANL handed out appreciation awards to Cory Chubbs for his time spent as FSANL Chairperson and to Elvis Park for his time as FSANL Treasurer. Both of these men have dedicated their time and passion to help us get on the strong footing that we are on today. We could not have gotten here without your help. Thank you so much for your efforts.

FSANL also handed out an appreciation award to North West Forest Resources for their continued support of FSANL and working with us in the production of our last 2 safety videos. Thank you.

FSANL presented the 2019 Safety Champion Award to Joe Russell for his efforts in fire prevention in NL as well as nationally and in Australia.

The 2020 Safety Champion award was presented to Colin LeGrow from Technical Rope and Rescue for his work in helping FSANL become a training provider for fall protection and confined space for the industry.

We would like to say a big thank you to HM Audio for their AV services, the ladies from Jennifer's that provided us with a lovely lunch and nutrition breaks, and the Corner Brook Civic Center for the meeting rooms.

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors who help make this such a successful event.



















Quadbar ATV Safety



Introducing a crush protection device (CPD) which mounts to an ATV and creates a space between the ATV and the ground, reducing the risk of death and serious injury in the event of a rollover.



Can you lift 300kg while lying, possibly injured, on the ground?







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SAFETY MOMENT

How do we select the proper eye protection for the job?

The first thing we need to do is determine the hazards we can be presented with. This is something that people have a habit of rushing through without doing a proper hazard assessment.

What can I be exposed to?

- Dust/dirt
- Flying debris
- Projectiles from machinery/work processes
- Chemicals
- Liquids
- Radiation
- Hot metal

The next step is to determine is what type of CSA/ANSI eye protection equipment is required? Is it on site or do we need to go get it?

When we choose our eye protection, we need to take also consider the following:

Protection – Does this choice adequately protect me from all possible hazards? Does it create another hazard?

Comfort – Is this comfortable to wear? Do I need to keep adjusting or taking it off? Is my peripheral vision hampered? Is it sturdy enough to be worn in this application? Does it protect me from UV rays? Do I need to keep cleaning them because they are fogged up?

Aesthetics – How do they look? Are they big and bulky or streamlined and light weight?

Cost – The price of some eye protection can be expensive. Do not go with a lesser level of protection because of the cost. You will pay for it in the long run!

Now that we have selected the appropriate eye protection, we need to properly care for it. Make sure you clean your eye protection as required. Use a lens cleaner and refrain from using household products. They can damage your lenses. Store it in a clean dry place and do not put them in a holder or container that is exposed to vibration (cargo compartment on machinery). It damages the lenses.

Always inspect your eye protection before use. If it is damaged it needs to be replaced. Damaged equipment can fail when you need it the most. Do not take off eye protection for jobs that do not require it as we tend to forget to put it back on before changing our tasks.

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



Now Offering Safety **Training Courses** Province Wide!!!

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



Programs offered on a continual basis! Contact us to book your seat in the 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

Message from the Executive Director

My favorite time of year has finally arrived. I absolutely love the fall with the color of the leaves changing, moose hunting beginning and the opening of the trapping season not far away. Some of you are on the count down to winter with anticipation of snowmobiling. I enjoy snowmobiling but prefer the fall.

With the start of hunting season there is an increase of people in the woods and we need to keep safety at the forefront at all times. Those of you hunting please refrain hunting around forestry operations and be mindful of resource roads where commercial harvesting is taking place. If you are using recreational vehicles for your activities please make sure you have a certified operators safety course and make sure you wear helmets and appropriate clothing for your activity. Dress for the colder temperatures and wear blaze orange.

There have been too many serious injuries and fatalities with this equipment again this year, please enjoy your outdoor activities but do it safely.

Chainsaw activity dramatically increases in the fall. Please make sure you wear all the appropriate personal protective equipment when you use your chainsaws. I hear people say "I haven't worn it in the past and never had an accident". It only takes once and that accident could be your last.

Let's make sure everyone gets home safe!!!