



External Auditor Training

What is External Auditor Training?

- A course designed for health and safety professionals wanting to conduct external safety audits for large forestry employers seeking SAFE (Safety Accord Forestry Enterprise) Companies certification using the BASE (basic audit safety evaluation) audit tool.
- Five-day training course leading to a student audit that evaluates participant's ability in conducting a comprehensive BASE audit. Includes instruction on:
 - Preparing for an audit (defining the scope; organizing audit activities; managing audit process)
 - Carrying out the audit activities (reviewing audit documentation; conducting audit interviews; conducting worksite observations)
 - Processing and reporting on an audit (processing data; generating a report; presenting findings)
- The course adopts a variety of instructional techniques including lectures, class discussions, case studies and group exercises in order to prepare participants for being auditors

Who is an External Auditor?

- A fully trained independent consultant with a combination of education, occupational health and safety, auditing and forest sector experience
- Someone who measures and evaluates leadership; hazard and risk management; standards, procedures and work instructions; training, education and certification; health and safety communication systems; incident reporting and investigation systems; contractor systems; and prime contractor selection and management
- An integral part of the SAFE companies certification process who ensures large companies have met all the necessary requirements to become SAFE certified

Background

- In 2004, the Forest Safety Task Force recommended industry implement uniform training and certification standards
- The Council, in conjunction with industry and WorkSafeBC, developed the SAFE Companies program as an initiative to support the development of employer safety programs, and annually audit and certify the effectiveness of safety management systems in all forestry operations
- In November 2006, the SAFE Companies program began accepting registrations
- By December 31, 2006, over 250 companies of all sizes throughout B.C. had registered and 16 successfully achieved certification

How to enroll?

- Visit <http://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/content-program-safeco/program-safeco-9-Extaudtrain.htm> for the training calendar and online application.