



WASHINGTON STATE LOGGER SAFETY INITIATIVE

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Safety Meetings

Are your safety meetings getting bogged down in the same old messages given by someone simply talking to the crew? Do you need to liven things up a little in order to get the crew to participate or take things more seriously? L&I's Division of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) has several resources available to make your safety meetings more interactive and exciting. Specific to hazards encountered in the logging industry, here are a few suggestions:

- Show a module or two from the **Be Safe in the Woods video**. This product was produced with funding from L&I's Safety and Health Improvement Project (SHIP) Grant Program and is separated into 5 parts, making it a great tool to use for safety meetings. It covers topics such as driving, PPE, cutting, rigging, and landing.
- Watch one of the short inspection video stories, such as, “**Chain Shot can Kill**” or “**Logging-Stay in the Clear.**” These are narrated by the DOSH inspector who conducted the fatality inspection and tells how the incidents happened and how they could have been prevented. Afterwards, discuss with your crew the measures you have in place to ensure this doesn't happen to them, and what they need to watch out for.
- Share and discuss DOSH's brand new **Hazard Alert about Kevlar Safety Inserts for Chaps**. Have the crew discuss incidents or close calls they've encountered when using a chain saw – real life stories resonate more with workers.
- Use the **PPE for Logging on-line training course**. This covers everything from eye and head protection, to ears and legs. You can cover this in one meeting, or just cover one section at a time for more in-depth discussions.