



Task Title: Forestry Safety Part 2

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Learner Name: _____

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Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description:

Read a chart to understand causes of distracted driving in Ontario logging operations.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Interpret documents/A2.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and/or digital device

Learner Information

Forestry safety is important in the logging industry in Ontario. Research has found the use of smartphones and two-way radios have made distracted driving the top health and safety risk for logging workers. Scan the **Distracted Driving Causes** chart.

Distracted Driving Causes

Top 10 causes of distracted driving in Ontario logging operations

Devices take attention away from the task of driving

As identified by workers, supervisors, and employers in the Ontario logging industry through Ministry of Labour-facilitated risk assessment and root-cause analysis workshops in partnership with Workplace Safety North.



- 1. Electronic devices**
- phones, FM or two-way radios



- 6. Inability to measure impairment**
- e.g. drug tests



- 2. Fatigue**
- long work hours



- 7. Multi-tasking in the cab**
- using two-way radio, calling in mileage



- 3. Not appreciating distracting factors**
- become dulled to over time, poor road conditions



- 8. No clear policies**
- e.g. communication and reinforcement



- 4. Lack of contact with supervisor**
- isolated, independent work environment



- 9. Inexperienced commercial workers**
- contract or new drivers, new to bush roads



- 5. Substance use**
- alcohol, drugs



- 10. Not following rules willingly**
- speeding, load management

For a detailed list of critical controls you can put in place, read the technical paper: Root cause analysis report of distracted driving in Ontario logging operations.

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Work Sheet

Task 1: Who identified the top 10 causes of distracted driving in Ontario logging operations?

Answer:

Task 2: List three causes of distracted driving.

Answer:

Task 3: What are the two reasons given for multi-tasking in the cab?

Answer:

Task 4: Who do you contact to get more information?

Answer:

Task 5: Where can you locate a detailed list of critical controls?

Answer:
