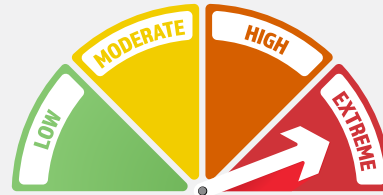







## High-Risk Activities

Fire watch, early shift or  
cease high-risk activity  
(shutdown)



**Fire Danger**  
In case of fire call 911

Fire Danger Class	Worker Restrictions	Duration
 <p>After 3 consecutive days of <b>MODERATE</b> fire risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workers must maintain a <b>1-hour FIRE WATCH</b> with appropriate firefighting tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until after the fire danger falls <b>below MODERATE</b></li> </ul>
 <p>Once a <b>HIGH</b> fire risk begins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FIRE WATCH increases to 2-hours</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until after the fire danger falls <b>below MODERATE</b></li> </ul>
 <p>After three 3 days of <b>HIGH</b> fire risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>EARLY SHIFT</b> (cease HIGH-RISK activities by 1 p.m.)</li> <li><b>FIRE WATCH remains at 2-hours</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until after the fire danger falls <b>below HIGH for 2 consecutive days</b> or falls below MODERATE</li> </ul>
 <p>Once a <b>EXTREME</b> fire risk begins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>EARLY SHIFT</b></li> <li><b>FIRE WATCH remains at 2-hours</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until after the fire danger falls <b>below HIGH for 2 or more consecutive days</b></li> </ul>
 <p>After 3 days of <b>EXTREME</b> fire risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CEASE HIGH-RISK activity in the forest and grassland (shutdown)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until after the danger class falls <b>below EXTREME for 3 or more consecutive days</b> or falls below HIGH</li> </ul>

## High-Risk Activities

Examples of high-risk activities include but are not limited to:

- Mechanical brushing (example: industrial scale brushing)
- Disk trenching (example: mechanical preparation of logged site)
- Preparation or use of explosives (example: blasting)
- Using fire- or spark-producing tools, including cutting tools (example: cutting torches, and metal grinders)
- Using or preparing fireworks or pyrotechnics (example: fireworks display)
- Grinding, including rail grinding (example: angle grinder)
- Mechanical land clearing (example: excavator or skidder logging or digging out stumps)
- Clearing and maintaining rights of way, including grass mowing (example: commercial right of way mowing; BC hydro brushing. Not residential lawn mowing)

### **Any of the following activities carried out in a cutblock excluding a road, landing, roadside work area or log sort area in the cutblock.**

- Operating a power saw (example: cutting firewood off a road in a combustible area)
- Mechanical tree felling, woody debris piling or tree processing, including de-limbing (example: logging activity or cutting firewood off a road in a combustible area)
- Welding (example: any welding off a road)
- Portable wood chipping, milling, processing or manufacturing (example: these activities when done outside of an industrial worksite within a fire protection district)
- Skidding logs or log forwarding unless it is improbable that the skidding or forwarding will result in the equipment contacting rock (example: logging activity)
- Yarding logs using cable systems (example: any logging activity that uses cable yarding equipment)



## What is early shift, and when does it start?

- **WHAT:**  
Early shift means all high-risk activities must stop by 1 p.m.
- **WHEN:**  
After 3 consecutive days of HIGH all high-risk activities must cease by 1 p.m.
- **HOWEVER:**  
After 3 consecutive days of EXTREME cease all activities.

## What are fire watcher responsibilities?

The fire watcher must ensure they:

- Can reasonably see the site of the high-risk activity during the time the fire watch is required.
- Have at least one firefighting hand tool.
- Actively watch and patrol for sparks and fires on the site of the high-risk activity.
- Immediately carry out fire control and extinguishes the fire, if practicable.
- Have the means on-site to report the fire.