

Zero Fatalities
Zero Lost Time
Zero Road/Speed Incidents
Zero Environmental Incidents
Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



## PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 35

Date: 19 October 2020	Focus Group: Operational Staff and Contractors
<b>Topic:</b> Accidents Around Holidays	Issued by: Sam McDell and Craig Fisher

**Background and Incidents:** Accident data derived from our Gisborne operations shows a high number of incidents occur before and after a Public Holiday. Only 5 times over the past 27 Public Holidays (excluding COVID-19) were there no incidents in the week before or after the holiday. How is this Labour Weekend shaping up for you?

**Risk Awareness:** 2020 has been a long drawn out year for several reasons including the COVID-19 lockdowns, work interruptions and uncertainties. These factors combined with statistical data provide a good heads-up for extra diligence now!

**Safe Behaviours:** Apply these simple safeguards for added protection:

- 1. At tailgate meetings, discuss the added risk that a holiday period brings alongside your plans for a great time during the holiday.
- 2. Encourage extra vigilance and focus to keep minds on the task at hand.
- 3. Have time out from social media (texts, phone calls, radio) distractions and forestry work are not a good mix.
- 4. Realise that an injury in the crew will ruin everyone's holiday.
- 5. Maintain your normal steady pace avoid rushing and risk taking.
- 6. Plan a longer toolbox meeting after the break to re-new the focus on safety.
- 7. Consider role rotations for the higher risk tasks like tree felling or breaking-out.

For Site Manager:	Accident Frequency Around Holiday Times:						
Print and complete the following:	Holiday	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1. Discuss with employees/operators:	Waitangi Day	1	1	2	1	2	1
2. Place on site notice board or in file:	Easter	1	1	1	1	1	COVID
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	Queens B'Day	0	3	1	1	0	1
Site Manager: Date: / /	Labour Day	0	1	1	1	1	?
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