

# Media Release

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## VicForests is looking after safety

VicForests achieved two significant safety achievements in March that are paving the way towards the goal of zero harm.

The contractor Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate was the lowest recorded since VicForests started collecting contractor data in July 2006.

Also in the past 12 months there have not been any lost time injuries recorded for staff, bringing the Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate for staff to zero.

Although this is not the first time VicForests has achieved this, it is a significant milestone that we are very proud of.

Robert Green, VicForests Chief Executive Officer said that the combined result is the best the company has ever achieved.

“Our aim is to have zero harm in all our operations. It is an ambitious goal but I believe it is an attainable goal.

“This fantastic result is largely due to the investment our staff and contractors have put into strong safety management systems, reporting and equipment standards.

“Any incident or accident that does take place is taken very seriously, the more serious incidents are investigated thoroughly to understand the root cause and identify ways to prevent re-occurrence.

“All of our contractors machines and trucks are fully compliant with relevant safety standards and are well maintained.

“Our staff are committed to performing their jobs safely in both the office and in the forest,” he said.

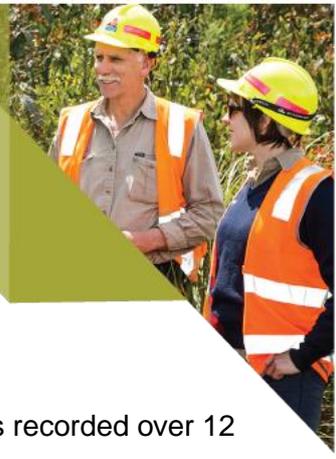
The timber industry plays an important role in Victoria’s economy by contributing to thousands of jobs across the state and generating millions of dollars for the Victorian economy.

It is also full of complex and demanding roles that require many years of training and qualifications to perform safely and professionally.

“Timber harvesting requires a lot of skills and knowledge.

“Many of our staff and contractors work with dangerous and heavy machinery every-day and many assist in firefighting activities in the peak fire season.

“It is our job as responsible forest managers to ensure our staff and contractors have quality equipment and suitable training for the job,” Mr Green said.



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The Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate is worked out by multiplying all Lost Time Injuries recorded over 12 months by one million and then dividing that by the total hours worked over 12 months.

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