

# SAFETY ALERT



## Broken Stanchion

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### Background

On 13/08/2020 on Frankland-Cranbrook Road an unloaded log truck had a near miss incident. One of the stanchions on the trailer broke off and fell onto the road. This event potentially could have resulted in a serious traffic accident.

The cause of this incident has been identified as unusual welding fatigue. This reinforces the importance of checking welds as part of thorough pre-start and maintenance checks on trucks and trailers.

### What to look for

Like most things, welds do not last forever. They will need routine inspection and maintenance. Look for the following issues with stanchion welds as signs of fatigue:

- Cracking in the weld or surrounding metal.
- Stanchions out of alignment or bent.
- Rusted or degraded welds.