

SAFETY ALERT



Log Slip from Grapple

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Background

In July, debarked logs were being unloaded from the front bay of a truck. As the loader lifted some logs one slipped out, striking the cab of the truck. Thankfully, there were no injuries sustained and minor damage to the cab.

An incident like this is a reminder of why strict exclusion zones and loading technics are used.

Control measures

The FIFWA Safety and Health Code states the requirements for safe loading/unloading. Some important points to remember are:

- Truck drivers should leave the cab and stand at a safe distance from the front or rear of the cab.
- Truck driver and loader operator should always maintain visual and/or radio contact.
- The loader operator should consider where there may be logs of unequal length in the load and lift with caution.