

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Dangerous Incident - Forwarder Bunk Tip Over

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Background

On 28 August, a forwarder operator working on flat terrain lifted the grapple loaded with first thinning's product at full extension causing the bunk to tip onto its side at the point of articulation, the bunk was empty at the time. The root cause of the incident was operator error attributed to inexperience using this model of machine.

Key points

- Incident reported to WorkSafe, classified as a Dangerous incident (overturning of plant/equipment).
- Bunk was unable to be moved until WorkSafe released the scene.
- When the grapple is fully extended with a load it needs to be pulled towards the machine before being lifted up onto the bunk.
- The operator picked up too many logs whilst the bunk was empty.