

# CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



## Safe truck loading zones

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### Background:

On 29th June 2022, a high potential incident occurred where an FPC contractors truck driver was knocked unconscious after being struck by a piece of log, which broke off as the forwarder operator was repositioning it within the second bay.

### Key Points

- The truck driver was standing within the high-risk zone when he was struck.
- The driver was hospitalised and sustained a facial fracture.
- The incident had the potential to result in the loss of life.
- The driver was in UHF radio contact, and in the line of sight of the forwarder operator
- The loader operator and truck driver have a dual responsibility to ensure that there are no personnel standing within the high-risk zone during loading/unloading.
- Always follow the Safe Operating Procedure for truck loading/unloading.
- Choose and make safe areas for drivers to monitor loading.
- Never become complacent, loading/unloading is a high-risk activity.

