

SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Number: 78

Date: December 22

Background

1 December 2022, a contractor worker has injured their leg on a log stockpile resulting in a laceration to the lower back of the leg. Fortunately, the injury was not serious, but did result in a hospital visit and a Lost Time Injury (LTI).

Key points

- Log was protruding from the log stockpile.
- Driver was wearing shorts.
- Although PPE is the last line of defence in the hierarchy of controls, long pants could have prevented a laceration to the driver's leg.
- PPE is equipment worn to minimise exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses.
- Personal protective equipment may include items such as gloves, safety glasses and shoes, earplugs or muffs, hard hats, respirators, high visibility clothing, long sleeve shirts and long pants.