

SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Safe Truck Loading Zones Number: 81

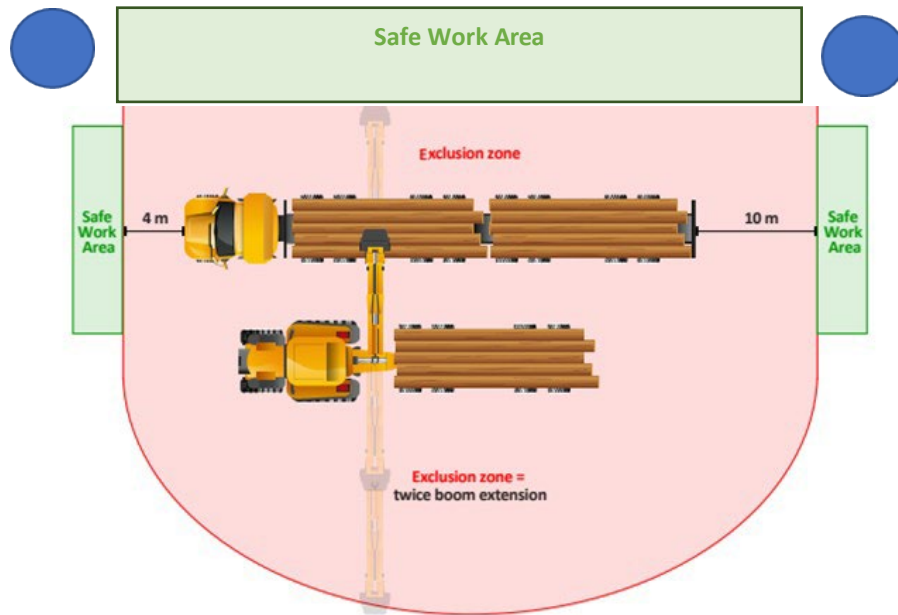
Background

On 2 February, an FPC contractor truck driver was observed strapping the load whilst the truck was being loaded. This had the potential to cause serious harm to the driver, fortunately no injuries were sustained.

Key points

- The truck driver was standing within the high-risk zone.
- The driver was in UHF radio contact, but NOT 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 workers standing within the high-risk zone during loading/unloading.
- Always follow the Safe Operating Procedure for truck loading/unloading.
- Never become complacent, loading/unloading is a high-risk activity.
- Designated safe work areas must be made clear to all workers onsite.
- The recommended position for the truck driver during loading is at a 45-degree angle from the trailer. The driver is permitted to move along the back “safe work area” from one zone to the other once the first trailer has been loaded and the log grab or grapple is grounded or positioned in the bunk. The driver should remain stationary whilst machinery is in operation and should always be in the loaders line of sight.
- The designated safe work area for the driver should be agreed prior to commencing loading/unloading. The truck driver should be a minimum of 4 METERS in front of the truck or 10 METERS from the rear or 10 METERS from the opposite side to the side being loaded.

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NO PERSON is permitted to enter the exclusion zone unless they have received verbal confirmation from the loader operator that it is safe to do so.

Person must wait for the log grab or grapple to be grounded before moving.

Loading must not recommence until person is back in the safe load area

Indicates safe viewing area for driver to observe trailer being loaded. This area should be a machinery “no go” zone.