

# SAFETY ALERT



## Log Spec and Load Restraint

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### Background

A member of the public recently hit a piece of wood on a haul road and damaged their vehicle. This piece of wood was rotten and damaged, making it difficult to determine its origin. Although unconfirmed, this piece of wood may have fallen off a log truck in transit.

Any part of the load falling from a truck is a potentially deadly hazard and a violation of *Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014*.

### Control Measures

The log specifications of particular products must be monitored closely to avoid breakage in transit or at the destination. Rotten and char logs are more brittle and must be closely assessed for safe loading. Logs that do not meet the specs must not be hauled.

Safe configuration and loading must always be the priority for all products. Where necessary, consider using additional belly straps to ensure all logs are secured in the load.