

# Safety Alert

**TITLE:** Near miss – Log restraint.

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**Background:**

A truckdriver had Near Miss while releasing a load restraint winch from one end of a bay of logs.

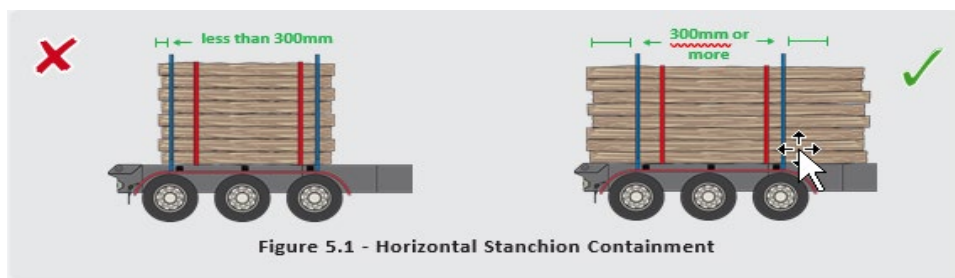
The driver didn't notice that a log in the load wasn't long enough (~3.5m) to be secured by both stanchions allowing it to fall once the strap was released

The log swung down behind the driver narrowly missing him.

The release of one strap from each bay without a loader being present is an accepted practice at many log receival locations.

**Control Measures:**

1. During loading, the machine operator and truck driver must ensure that each log is securely restrained by the stanchions with a minimum of 300mm at each end the log extending past the outer edge of the stanchions and bolsters.



2. Prior to releasing a load restraint winch or binder, the load must be carefully inspected to check if any movement of the load has occurred which could result in logs not being adequately restrained.
3. The release of one strap from a bay may only occur once it has been confirmed that all logs will remain securely restrained. If there is any doubt, none of the straps are to be released from that bay until a machine is present to hold the load.