



Industry Hazard Alert

LOCATION:	sawmill yard	
DATE OF INCIDENT:	13 July 2007	
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DETAILS OF INCIDENT:

Logging truck driver was attempting to re-load his trailer at the reload station and the hoist cable broke, dropping the trailer ~4 ft. to the ground. Driver was not injured but trailer suffered some damage, including a broken reach chain. The hoist cable was rated for 10,000kg and the trailer weighs 7,200kg. Hoist is inspected annually.

After the cable broke, he obtained assistance lifting the reach from on-site equipment operators and used a tarp tie-down strap to hold up the reach. While attempting to secure the trailer for a re-load by a log yard loader, the driver was struck on the head and shoulder when the tie-down strap failed and the reach fell. The driver was knocked to the ground. The driver was wearing all required PPE. He sustained minor head and neck injuries in the incident.

RECOMMENDED PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Daily and weekly inspection process for cable at reload station to be implemented.
- Review incident with all truck drivers (include coaching on use of proper fastening mechanisms - i.e. chain vs. tie-down strap)
- Post signs saying, "Inspect lift equipment before use".