Incident Summary

- A truck driver spilt his load of logs coming down a steep & bumpy road, which then required the loaderman to come and reload the logs.
- The driver blocked off a leak on the trailer brakes, which caused the brakes to release and the truck to move forward toward an embankment.
- The truck rode over a few logs causing one of them to flip up and strike the loaderman who couldn’t get out of the way fast enough, which ended up striking him and resulting in a broken knee cap.

Potential Hazards

- Driving too fast for the steep & bumpy road conditions.
- Upset condition: spilled load & unexpected defective equipment (trailer air leak).
- Inadequate assessment of hazard putting themselves in the “line of fire” of a truck on a slope that had the potential to move forward.

Preventative Actions

- Drivers are responsible for ensuring the safe condition of their load before leaving the loader.
- Drivers must take whatever time necessary, given any road condition, to arrive at their destination safely.
- Take the time to STOP & Think about what might happen and properly assess upset conditions before proceeding.
- Properly chalk the wheels whenever the braking mechanism is compromised.

SAFETY COMES FIRST

…and it starts with the person you see in the mirror.