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FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Flying bark can be a hazard to self-loading truck operator

Location: Campbell River, BC

Date of Incident: June 19, 2012

Details of Incident: Self-loader was lifting a heavy log over a bunk lay. The operator was using the second heel rack (opposite side of boom) to get better leverage. A piece of bark approximately 1 foot by 2 foot (30X60 cm.) tore away from the log and struck the operators hand. The impact pinched his index finger against the control lever resulting in cut.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Continually assess the potential for loose bark hazards, particularly when sap is running and bark is easier to dislodge.
- Look for options such as sliding the log over the load rather than increasing the hazard by bringing it in close to the operator.

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