

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Cinch on Loaded Log Truck Came Loose Striking Vehicle.

A Log truck with a full load hit a large bump on a bridge approach and cam over chain cinch became loose.

As the driver was pulling over to tighten the cinch, the cinch got caught in the tire and flew into oncoming traffic smashing the windshield and side mirror of an oncoming pick-up.

The cinches were in good shape and the driver had tightened the load about 10 km before the incident.

No cinch handle securement device was used as the welded hooks had been removed from service.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Inspect winches and replace any that are damaged/worn.
- Ensure cinches have proper working securement devices.
- Explore the use of new cinch designs that are available (e.g. Inwood cinch) that have hooks cast into the handle.
- Increase the frequency of wrapper checks.

Important Take Away

Damaged tools or equipment that are missing safety devices should be taken out of service.

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