#### MANUFACTURING

# **S**AFETY ALERT

## **ASK YOURSELF** "Could it happen here?"

#### **DESCRIPTION OF EVENT**

#### Log Truck Driver – Twisted **Knee Lost Time**

A log truck driver was making a delivery to the mill. Conditions were very slippery, and drivers were instructed to wear ice cleats. While at the wrapping station, the worker's ice cleats became stuck on the metal grate walkway. When the worker turned around, their foot remained stuck despite his forward momentum, which caused him to twist and pull his knee. The driver indicated he felt okay at the time, but the knee became swollen over the next day. This eventually required time off work for recovery.



- Ensure that if ice cleats are being used, they are rotated to the top of the boot once you leave slippery and icy areas or if required to walk on grating or metal flooring.
- Utilize alternative types of ice cleats/traction aids if a certain style is not suitable for the worksite.
- Stress the importance of worksite awareness and potential hazards associated with variable and changing conditions









### **IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY**

Changing conditions usually requires a re-assessment of your personal safety controls.

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