

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
*“Could it happen here?”*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Close Call, Steel in Log

While a logging truck was being unloaded a worker noticed a large metal object in the log, two feet from the end. The log was separated from the load and the supervisor was notified immediately.

Any type of metal in a log is extremely dangerous. If that log made it into the mill the damage to equipment could be severe. Additionally, contact between a saw and the metal could produce shrapnel that can seriously injure a worker.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- When contractors are logging in Woodlots, small holdings, private property, rangeland, or any area where there is a higher possibility of human development (tree stands, fences, farms, old mines/railways), it is imperative that all operators remain vigilant in their observations to prevent logs containing any metal objects from being shipped to the mill.
- Review this incident with all log yard and mill employees so that everyone can keep their eyes open for this type of contaminant.

## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

It is important that all operators remain vigilant in their observations to prevent logs containing any metal objects from being shipped or put into the mill.

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