

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Fuelling Skidder Fatality\*

A grapple skidder operator parked his machine close to a fuel truck and prepared to refuel it. The fuel truck was parked in gear with the parking brake engaged. When the operator leaned into the cab of the fuel truck to start it, the truck lurched forward and crushed him against the skidder resulting in a fatality.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- The employees should always get inside the cab of commercial vehicles when starting or completing any function.
- Vehicles parked on an incline especially wheeled vehicles must be properly secured and/or blocked to prevent any unwanted movement.
- The operator should have done a pre-use inspection on the fuel truck to determine any deficiencies with the fuel truck such as the parking brake not functioning correctly.

## Most Important Take Away

### Hazards

- The employees should always get inside the cab of commercial vehicles when starting or completing any function.

*\*Incident occurred in Nova Scotia and Credit Forestry Safety Society of Nova Scotia*



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