Dryland Sort is the facility where felled timber is taken for sorting. The sorting is done according to species, length, and grade. The Dryland Sort is an extremely busy and fast paced work site. Equipment operators and workers on the ground must always assume that they cannot see each other. Extreme caution must be exercised at all times.

**PPE**

* High vis Hardhat of red or orange colour only
* Eye Protection
* High Vis Vest or High Vis Apparel
* Gloves  
  Hearing Protection
* Foot Protection – CSA approved
* Leg Protection – bucking pants or chaps

**Responsibilities of Management**

Management is responsible for maintaining a safe and healthy worksite for all employed or visiting an operation.

Management must be aware of the priority of a safe and healthy work site and the need for comprehensive implementation of an effective safety program. All aspects of the operation must be constantly monitored to ensure a "safety first" attitude prevails throughout the operation.

Management must encourage and demand no less than total cooperation of all concerned, always ensuring an open and receptive environment to any and all suggestions that may arise. It is

Management's responsibility to properly instruct workers under their direction and ensure work practices are carried out without undue risk.

**General Operating Procedures**The following list of activities and recommended actions are intended to highlight areas in Dryland Sort. Determine who is involved and what the problem is (if possible).

1. **Equipment Moving** - Before moving any equipment, determine any hazards that may be present. Hold any necessary meetings with your crew and supervisor to plan your move. See the note in #3 regarding overhead electrical hazards.
2. **Communication**- Communications, whether oral, written or mechanical (horns, whistles, etc.) must be clear and understood by all. Personal communications on radios or camp telephones are discouraged. If you do not understand a communication, do not proceed until you have requested clarification.

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| **General Signals** | |
| Back up | 2 whistles |
| Go Ahead | 3 whistles |
| Stop | 1 whistle |
| Accident | 7 long whistles |
| Fire | 1 long, several short whistles repeated |
| Emergency Hazard | 1 continuous whistle until emergency condition is passed |

1. **Electrical Safety**- Before working with any electrical equipment familiarize yourself with the safety precautions for that equipment. Damaged or worn cords or plugs should be replaced or repaired before use. Study the attached Powerline Safety Standard Operating Procedure for overhead electrical hazards.
2. **Planning Work Activities**- Plan your activities with the supervisor and the crew. The entire crew must work towards a common goal that has been established before beginning the shift.
3. **The 3- point contact** - Use the standard three-point contact procedure when climbing on and off machinery.
4. **Lifting Procedures** - Use established lifting practices. Ask for help if the item you are lifting is awkward or heavy. Determine a clear path free of tripping hazards before you lift an item to move it.
5. **Vehicle Driving**- If your job requires you to drive a company vehicle you must provide a driver's abstract and hold a valid driver's licence. The rules of the road must be obeyed, and weather, visibility and road conditions taken into account. Never drive a vehicle if you do not feel alert or if you have taken medication that may impair your judgment. There is ZERO tolerance for consuming any amount of alcohol before or during the operation of a company vehicle. Seat belts are always mandatory.
6. **Smoking** - In consideration to others and in keeping with WCB regs., there is no smoking permitted indoors or in vehicles. When smoking outdoors in a designated smoking area you must use an appropriate receptacle for your butts and extinguished matches. Do not smoke near any fuel storage areas. One carelessly disposed of cigarette can cause millions of dollars of damage to equipment and timber and can result in the loss of wages and even a loss of life.
7. **Fueling**- All vehicles must be turned off when fueling. NEVER smoke when fueling a vehicle or machine.
8. **Condition and Use of Tools** - Never use a tool or piece of equipment for anything other than their intended use. Repair or replace tools that are worn or damaged.
9. **Emergency Equipment** - Make yourself familiar with the location of emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers, first aid kits, firefighting equipment, and radios.
10. **Housekeeping** - All waste materials including fuel, oil, chemical, aerosol or paint containers, cable, food and beverage packaging and used oil must be removed from the worksite by the personnel responsible for creating the waste. Such material will be taken to designated containers and storage sites located at the shop or camp.
11. **First Aid** - Make yourself familiar with the location of first aid supplies. Determine who in your area is a qualified first aid attendant if you require first aid for yourself or a co-worker.