

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

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“Could it happen here?”

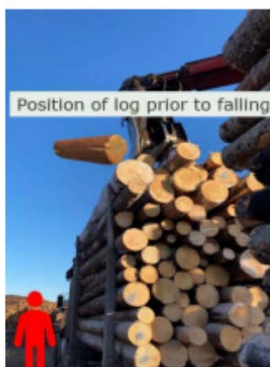
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

March 2023 - Loader Operator & Truck Driver Near Miss (SIFp)

While unloading a logging truck at a log yard, a log fell from the top load and struck the brim of the driver's hard hat and their left arm.

Although the driver sustained minor injuries, this incident had a significant injury or fatality potential (SIFp).

Both the driver and the loader operator did NOT follow the proper safety procedures. The loader was working on the opposite side of the truck from the driver and did not have a visual of the driver. The correct safety procedure is for the driver to work on the same side as the loader to ensure visual contact.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- When developing safe work procedures and delivering training, ensure the dos and don'ts are clear and explicit.
- The loader operator should take direct responsibility for the safety of the site and refuse to unload trucks if the driver does not follow safety procedures.
- If the option is available, always use an engineered log restraint system (i.e. a portable de-wrap).
- Always ensure the driver and loader operator are on same side of the load and maintain visual contact with one another.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Ensure drivers follow the unloading safe work procedures and periodically audit drivers for compliance.

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