

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Log Truck/Pick-up Collision

A log-truck driver was travelling westbound when a pick-up truck in the opposite lane unexpectedly crossed the centre line, heading directly towards the loaded log truck.

Despite the log truck driver's efforts to alert the pick-up by flashing lights and sounding the airhorn, the pick-up continued its course. In an attempt to avoid a collision, the log truck driver pulled sharply to the right, which caused the truck to leave the road and come to rest at the bottom of a steep ditch, landing on its passenger door.

The pick-up truck glanced off the log truck's bumper and exited the highway on the opposite side. Both drivers were transported to hospital for assessment: the pick-up driver suffered facial cuts requiring stitches, two broken ribs, and strained neck and shoulder, while the log truck driver sustained no injuries.

It was later reported that the pick-up driver had fallen asleep while driving at the time of the incident.

## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

### Ensure you are fit for work

- Fatigue is a type of impairment – ensure you are well rested and fit to complete job tasks.
- Take breaks as needed.
- Alternate drivers when possible.

### Defensive Driving

- Anticipate hazards, stay aware of surroundings, and adapt to other drivers' mistakes or bad conditions to prevent accidents.
- Maintain safe distances, constant checks, and manage space around your vehicle.



## MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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