

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Log Impact

While processing a log, the operator was inspecting the butt end for signs of rot when they accidentally activated a preset control. This caused the log to feed forward and break through the cab window, stopping close to the operator's leg.

Fortunately, the operator was not injured.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- **Ensure Operator Protective Structures (OPS) meet regulatory standards:** OPS must comply with applicable regulations and be inspected regularly to ensure they provide effective protection from objects such as logs and branches.
- **Avoid directing logs toward the cab:** Operators should be trained to position and move logs in ways to prevent them from being directed toward the cab during processing.
- **Position equipment to reduce risk:** Place equipment in a position that lowers the chance of accidental log movement toward the cab, taking slope and terrain into account.
- **Ensure operators are familiar with their equipment:** Operators should know all controls and safety features of their equipment. When operating new or different machines, make sure they are briefed on any changes to controls, presets or protective systems.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

A momentary lapse in attention or an unintended control movement can lead to serious injury.

Make sure guarding is in place, operators stay alert and equipment is positioned safely.