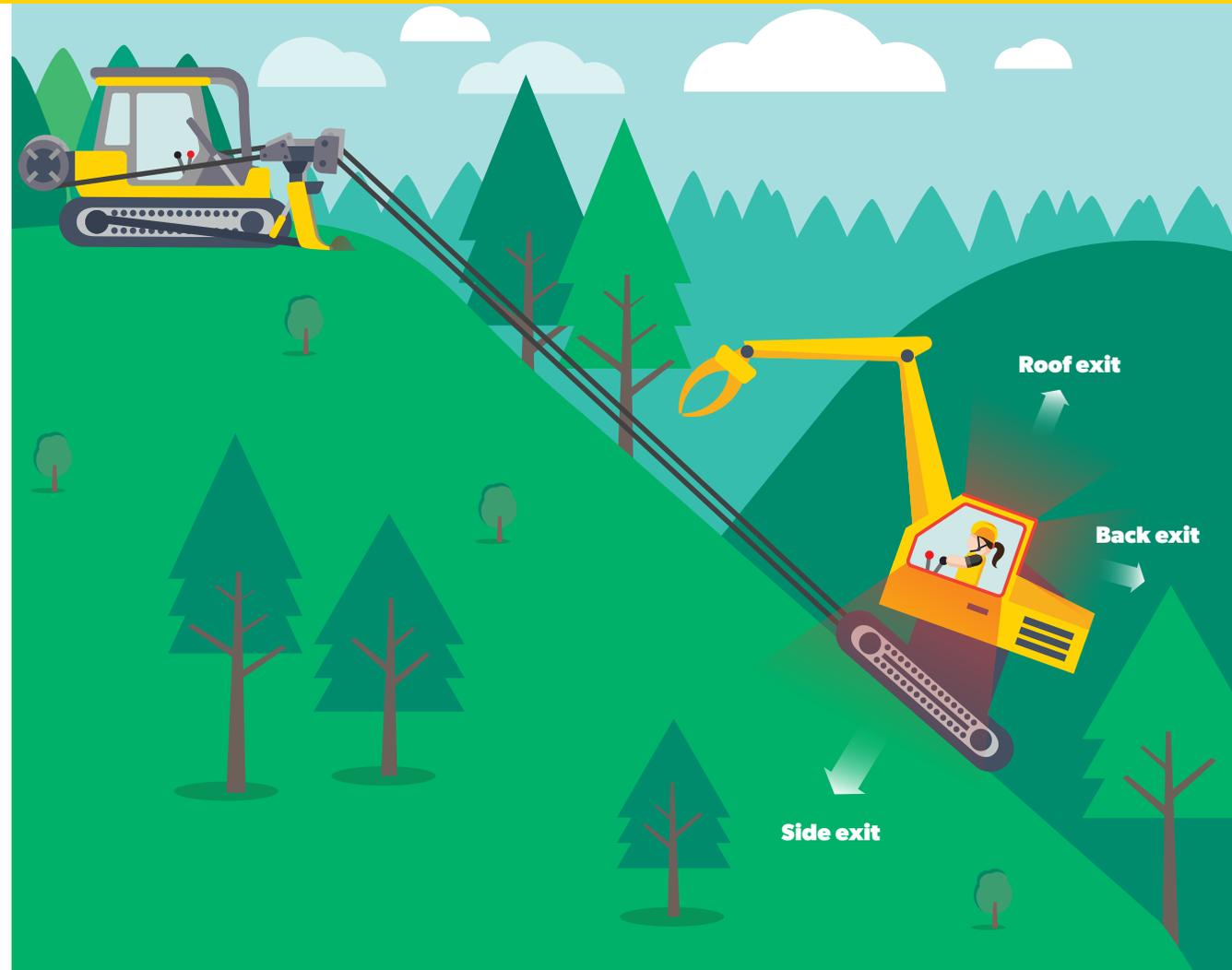


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You must make some extra checks when working on steep slopes, including a pre-start check of the machines, winch-assist computer system, and ropes and rigging. You must also always use your operator restraint, ideally a multi-point harness.

Make sure your machine is up to the job

- Is your machine-mounted winch securely anchored?
- Will the winch-braking system hold if the machine loses traction, stability or the machine brakes fail?
 - » Can the machine brakes hold if the tether rope or winch fails?
- Make sure someone who is trained, skilled and experienced checks the plant and the winch for wear and tear each day.
 - » If your winch is retro-fitted to existing plant, it must be fitted, checked and certified by a professional engineer.

Check the ropes

- Is there any wear and tear on your tether rope? If the rope is damaged at the end connector, it can be cut and the end connector refitted or spliced. If the rope has damage anywhere else it should be replaced. If you're not sure, ask someone with more experience.
- Have at least one back-up rope available.
- Make sure the ropes aren't used for any other purpose (like cable rigging).

Have multiple exits – know how to get out in an emergency

- Have another way to get out in case the cab door is blocked in a rollover.
- Make sure there's nothing loose in the cab that would fly around in a rollover.
- Exits must be able to be opened from inside AND outside.
- Make sure nothing is in the way of the exits.