



# Dropped Log Punctured Truck Cabin

Alert Number: 19-0020

LifeGuard Ref Number: INC-016093

Site: Mount Logs, C3 Forestry

Date of Incident: 21 August 2019

Actual Rating: 3

Potential Rating: 1

## What Happened / What Impact?

Whilst unloading a packet of 3.6m logs from the back of a truck with a Wagner (Loader), a log has slipped out of the log head and landed on the cab of the truck. The log partially punctured the roof of the cabin, with the cabin roof then pinning the truck driver against the steering wheel.

An ambulance attended the scene and oversaw the extraction of the driver once it was deemed safe to do so. The driver was then taken to hospital, where he was cleared of any serious injury.



Picture 1 - Truck frontal view, post-incident, with the log wedged in place between cab guarding and exhaust.)



Picture 2 - Inside truck cabin, driver's side, post-incident.



Picture 3 - Truck view from behind cab, post-incident.



## What immediate actions were taken?

- The C3 Loader Operator checked the wellbeing of the truck driver and remained with him until the ambulance arrived.
- Ambulance was called and attended the scene, removing the driver safely and taking him to hospital for assessment.
- WorkSafe NZ and the Port of Tauranga were notified.
- Drug and alcohol testing was conducted on the loader operator.
- Statements were taken from the loader operator and a witness.
- CCTV footage was requested from the Port and reviewed from within the cab of the loader.
- C3 commenced the investigation process: loader operator interviewed.

## What does this mean for you?

- **Slippery logs** are a critical risk for all people working where logs are being handled. Logs are especially slippery during wet conditions and in Spring, when the sap in logs is prevalent.
- **Loader Operators, Crane Operators:** be mindful of the increased risk of slippery logs and exercise caution when unloading trucks, lifting, handling or carrying log heaves.
- **All personnel:** ensure you remain in your Safe Zone during log handling activities by mobile plant, trucks or cranes. Do not leave your safe zone until mobile plant / trucks have left the area, OR safely come to a complete stop.
- **Log Yard Staff:** when on foot, ensure you apply the row lock-out procedures to maintain separation between your row and mobile plant in the area.
- **Wharf Hands:** remain in your safe zone when deck loading against stanchions is occurring above the bunk / trailer area.

If you ever feel a situation is unsafe during an operation, complete a **Take 3** and seek guidance from your supervisor or foreman if needed.

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