



Logging Deck Safety

Log Deck Danger

Safety on the Log Deck

Logging is one of the extreme occupations that is always dangerous, safety must be first in all logging activities.

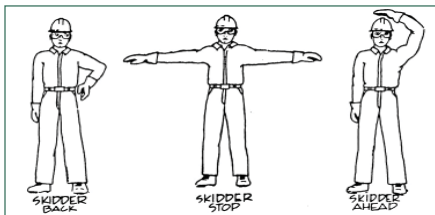
The landing area, or “deck,” is the busiest place on the entire logging operation. Many accidents occur on and near the log deck. When proper safety guidelines are used, these accidents can be prevented.

Log Deck Conditions

Log decks should be located on level ground. Remove logging debris and trash regularly.

Before using the log deck, remove all snags and other hazards. Workers should wear high-visibility vests or hard hats, so they will be seen.

Basic hand signals should be understood by all crew members.



Skidder Operation

Workers on the log deck should avoid landing approaches and equipment operator blind spots.

Workers should maintain a safe distance from operating equipment. Workers should not approach a skidder until it has come to a complete stop.

When handling chokers, workers should make sure the equipment operator can see them. Wear proper gloves when handling cable.

Workers should remain a safe distance from log piles.

Loader Operation

The loader should have a horn (warning device) to signal the start of operation.

Workers should trim all stems before loading on a truck.

Workers should stay a safe distance away from grappled stems and should never allow grappled stems to pass near them or overhead.

Trucks

Workers must remain a safe distance away while a truck is being loaded.



The worker looking at the ground is NOT far enough away to avoid injury if there is a problem while loading the truck.

Fire Protection

Workers with oily or greasy clothes should stay away from open flames.

Never throw gas or diesel fuel on an open flame. Proper fire fighting equipment should be located on the log deck.

Visitors

Never allow visitors, spectators, or unauthorized persons to be on or near any operation unless supervised.

Most visitors are not aware of hazards or dangers. They must be warned and wear proper protective equipment.



The loading and unloading of log trucks can be extremely dangerous. Loading within safe limits and using safe work practices can ensure a safe operation.

Loading and Transporting Safety

- Only the machine operator and necessary workers are allowed in the loading area.
- Log truck drivers must be out of the cab if logs are moved over the cab (unless protected by reinforcement of the cab or other effective means).
- Each tie down must be left in place over the peak log until the unloading lines or stakes are put in place. Tie downs must be released only from the side on which the unloading machine operates.
- The logging truck must be positioned to provide working clearance between the truck and the deck.
- The load must be positioned to prevent slippage during handling and transport.
- The safest load is one in which the logs never go above the stanchions!

The Loading Danger Zones

- Danger zones are on both sides of the log truck behind the cab.
- If any person is in a hazard area, the loader operator cannot perform any work that could cause logs to move or fall.

Loading and Transporting True or False

1. Authorized workers are allowed on deck in the area, within the danger zone if they wear high visibility clothing. True or False
2. Five foot working clearance between the truck and logs being loaded is not adequate space. True or False
3. The driver can always remain in the cab during the loading process. True or False
4. The logs being loaded must be loaded to prevent slippage. True or False
5. The height of the logs that are being loaded are kept well below the truck's stanchions. True or False
6. Logs must be secured immediately after loading and before moving the truck? True or False
7. Tie downs are left in place until unloading lines or stakes are put in place. True or False
8. Tie downs are released from the opposite side on which the unloading machine. True or False

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