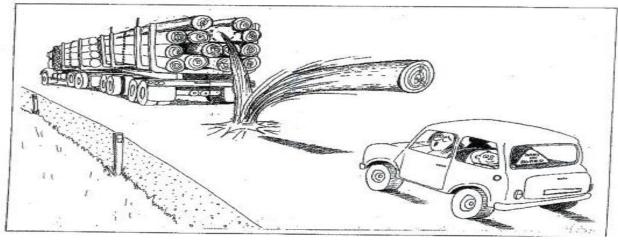


HAZARD ALERT



Accident brief

Log movement whilst traveling to the port, Log falls off truck on the state highway and an increase in damage to trucks due to logs slipping out of grapples and off trucks and trailers during loading.

Back ground:

Log resign/sap started to run, delimbers and processors all these can create a common hazard **Slippery Logs**,

Road conditions (corrugation) is more frequent in the dry season, add this to slippery logs and your hazard changes to **Log Security**

Responsibilities:

"Both the truck driver and the loader operator have a responsibility to ensure the load is contained and secured in such a manner that it cannot fall from the vehicle"

(ACOP 16. Loading and Unloading 16.1 Responsibilities)

Solution:

- Loader operators need to make sure they crown the logs evenly
- Less logs in your grapple, less likely logs will slip out of the grapple
- If necessary, truckies can request, that logs are either repositioned or removed if deemed hazardous
- Drivers recheck your chains as soon as practical after leaving the skid
- Check your loads before and after those steep sections of road
- Carry spare belly chains if needed, due to unavoidable log movement?
- Pair up with another logging truck as a spotter if available?

Finally, if logs are slipping and sliding during loading, they will probably slip and slide in transit.

<u>Play it safe!!!</u>

Regularly check your loads and chain tension; Throw another chain over.