

SAFETY ALERT



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Log Strikes Forwarder Cab - 24/1/2018



Task: Loading forwarder

What Happened? Loading logs with forwarder grapple on steep country. Log on top of bunk was crossed up. The machine jerked while clearing the haul track, causing the log to slide over headboard hit windscreen and go right through the cab and out the back window, narrowly missing the operator.

What was the main cause of the incident? Crossed up log on top of load that slipped over the top of the cab guard

Findings:

- Operator must take care loading logs, ensuring that all logs are located beneath cab guard
- Review harvesting system – i.e. shovel or grapple stems to a safer location to process and then forward logs to skid
- Cab window failed safety specification – it did not withstand impact of log. This needs reviewing/modification.