



JNL Safety Alert #043

Incident: Property Damage

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Details: On the 12th February 2018 an excavator was loading a truck packet. The operator grabbed 3 logs from the stack in his grapple, one in the top and two on the bottom. He checked to see that they were secured and proceeded to slew around to load the logs as he was slowing down to place the logs on the truck the top log slipped out of the grapple, went over the head board of the truck and landed on the driver's side of the roof.

Significant Learning:

Logs at this time of year are very slippery and with the use of processor to delimb and cut stems on the landing, the volume of bark on trees is reduced, therefore extra care is needed to be taken when loading trucks.

What's required?

- When crowning the load on a truck, load the last layer 1 log at a time, when using a grapple (this technique should be used regardless of the sap running).
- Make truck loading areas as flat as possible.
- Truck drivers need to be in visual contact with the loader operator and in the safe zone.