



## SAFETY ALERT

As a result of a serious harm loading incident last Friday, it is critical we review our load out area and processes

.5 points requiring review and change as needed.

Safe position

Log stacks

Communication

Visibility

Tail swing

### 1. Safe Position

Truck drivers are required to remain in their safe area during the loading process, unless loading stops and the loader driver signals it is safe to enter the loading area. This means that when unloading and connecting the trailer, the driver must remain in the safe area until the loader operator signals it is safe to connect the drawbar. The driver must then return to the safe area before continuing the loading process.

### 2. Log Stacks

Log stacks must be positioned to minimise the risk to anyone, should a log roll out of the stack. Log stacks must be of a size that the logs are stable. Avoid stacks running parallel with loading or walking zones.

### 3. Communication

Loader drivers must be able to communicate directly with others working near or within their work area. This could be visual acknowledgement, verbally, horn or RT.

### 4. Visibility

Safe Loading at night requires good lighting of both the loader and truck. All personnel must be wearing Day/Night compliant PPE. Hazards may not be so obvious in the dark.

### 5. Tail swing

To avoid pinch points and logs being dislodged from stacks; Loaders are required to have a 1mtr clearance for tail swing. Be aware of your position in relation to stacks. Be aware of tail swing over the top of objects

**These 5 factors have been contributing factors to a driver being hospitalised with serious leg injuries after a rolling log incident occurring on one of our sites.**

**It is possible you may need assistance to ensure compliance with the 5 items**