

# Forest Industry Safety Alert

## Ride out the rollover

**Location:** Mackenzie, BC area

**Date:** July 20, 2017

**Details of Serious Incident:** A grader operator was travelling to a new pit. He cleared the belly dump and went to continue, but the grader was in too high of a gear and so it stalled and started rolling backwards immediately.

The operator stepped on the brake, but no response. He tried to steer into the bank but it would not turn. He looked behind, undid his seatbelt and stood up to look at the side of the road and embankment.

As the back wheels were getting close to the edge, he decided to jump clear of the machine instead of staying in the cab.

The operator was not hit by the machine but sustained serious injuries from landing on the road. The injuries could have been avoided through proper training and following Standard Operating Procedures.

### Learnings and Suggestions:

#### *Prior to operating equipment -*

- Inspect the guarding and Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS) for structural soundness
- Ensure the escape hatch is in good working condition
- Stow any loose items in the cab

#### *During operation -*

- Gear down as speed decreases when travelling uphill
- Know how to apply the brakes in a stall situation
- Keep seatbelt on
- Keep the cab door closed
- Always ride out any rollover



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