

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Log falls on truck driver at de-wrap station

Location: Northern Interior Region

Date: June 29, 2015

Incident Summary: A truck driver was pulling his wraps at the de-wrap station when a log came down and struck him on the head.

The weighmaster and two other drivers responded before finding the driver lying on the ground unconscious.

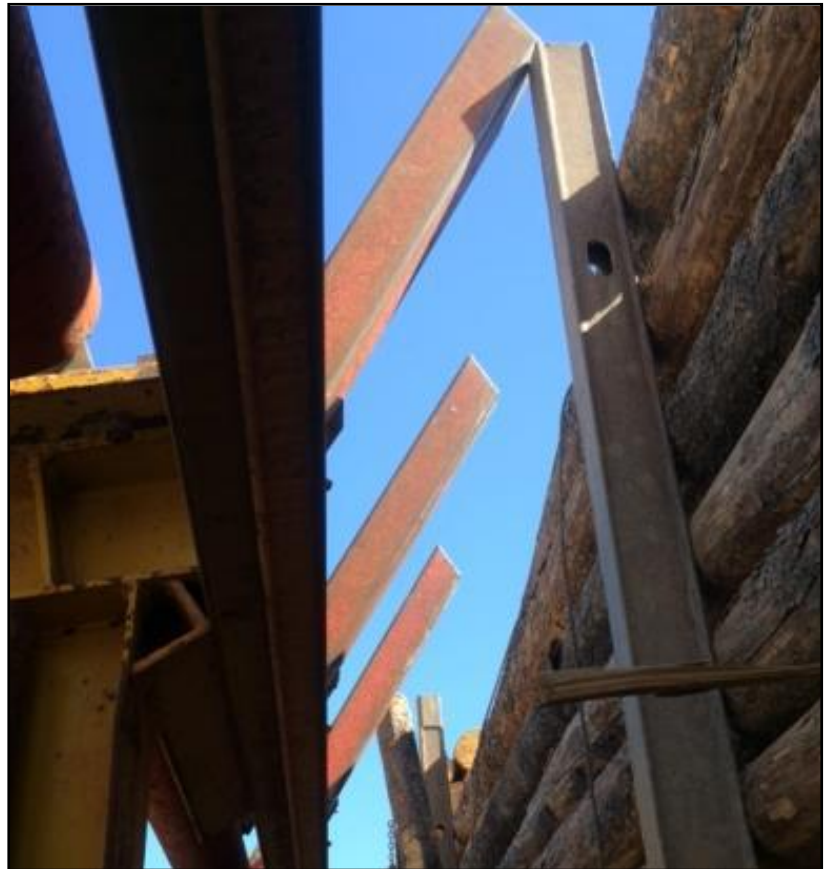
The driver was transported to the hospital and was held for several hours before being released. The driver is unable to drive for a few days as a result of the concussion.

Hazard:

- The driver hadn't delivered to the log yard or used the particular de-wrap station in over a year.
- A shorter log was loaded on top of the load and not within the load, as per the log transportation procedures.
- The de-wrap station arms were resting against the trailer stake and not the load, which created room for the log to pass through and make contact with the driver (see photo).

Corrective actions to be taken:

- Log yard Supervisor will initiate more observations at the de-wrap station to ensure all safe work procedures are followed and equipment is used correctly.



Corrective actions to be taken (cont'd):

- Contractor will review proper loading procedures with entire crew to ensure proper loading procedures are understood.
- Short logs must be contained within the bundle and not on top of the load.
- Drivers are responsible for the safety of the load before leaving the loader and before arriving at the scale.
- Incident will be reviewed with all drivers so they are aware of the risk associated when de-wrap arms are not resting against the load.

For more information on this submitted alert:

Tyson von den Steinen, RPF - Manager, Safety & Continuous Improvement CANFOR

Tyson.vondenSteinen@canfor.com