

EW SERVICES INC.

SAFETY ALERT

On March 21, 2016 one of EW Services Inc.'s drivers was injured in a single vehicle accident when the fully loaded logging truck they were driving came in contact with loose snow and material on the shoulder of the highway. It was early morning and weather conditions were far from ideal: -4°C, blowing snow, thick cover of snow on roadway, poor visibility and maintenance crews had not gotten to that stretch of highway yet. Driver was travelling at slower than highway speeds, had chains on and had engaged his rear differential locks but despite these interventions this incident was unavoidable.



EW Services Inc. would like to take this moment to remind all team members of some prudent actions they can take to remain Safe and to Drive Defensively during Inclement and Ever Changing Weather Conditions:

- Travel at appropriate speeds to the conditions
- Maintain situational awareness and react to changing weather and road conditions
- Allow yourself time to travel, it is not a race.
- Stop/take breaks if necessary.
- Recognize the potential for hazard before you encounter it. (e.g. have the highways been cleared yet? Does the FSR need a grader?)
- Avoid soft shoulders and undefined road edges. If this creates a problem with other traffic then slow down to speeds appropriate enough to safely encounter other people.
- Always wear seatbelt and employ any available safety features.
- Never forget how much a fully loaded logging truck weighs and the potential for that kinetic energy to continue moving.
- Avoid any and all distractions while driving. (e.g. cell phones, etc.)