

SAFETY ALERT

Assess 3 Point Contact/Hazards

Date of Incident: January 26, 2019

Location: Coastal Woodlands

Incident Type: Lost Time

Job Position: Grapple Yarder Operator



Summary:

A Grapple Yarder Operator was standing on the walkway of the yarder, which was sitting on an angle. Worker was unable to move the machine to flat ground or swing the cab to allow the worker to stand on the tracks due to the battery being dead. The worker opened a side compartment door, it swung open, causing worker to lose balance and fall to the ground 4 feet below. Worker suffered a sprained ankle as a result.

Further Information & Suggestions:

- Install steel mesh on walkways of Grapple for better grip.
- Install handrail beside door.
- Operators should have machines on stable flat ground before entering whenever possible.
- Supervisors and Operators must regularly inspect equipment for hazards.
- Be aware of heavy doors and forces/hazards when opening.

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