

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Slip from skidder tire results in lost-time injury; reminder of importance of 3-point contact

Location: Approximately 70 km's from Mackenzie, BC

Date: September 22, 2014

Details of Close Call / Serious Incident:

A skidder operator was about to climb off his machine, using a tire to dismount. His footing slipped so he jumped the remaining few feet to ground, rather than falling face forward. When he landed the worker heard his ankle 'pop' and felt immediate pain.

A supervisor assessed the ankle damage. The injured worker could not put pressure on or stand using that ankle.

This has resulted in a time-loss incident for the employer and long term healing for the worker.



Learnings and Suggestions:

- The procedure should have been to go down the blade for a proper 3 point dismount off the skidder.
- Continually review safe work procedures (SWP's) and emphasize the importance of not cutting corners on safety procedures.

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