



Driving For Safety

Cinch Failure

Incident:

While trying to tighten up a cinch on a load of logs, the cinch broke. This caused the driver to fall to the ground, while simultaneously hitting himself in the head with the broken part of the cinch. Thankfully he was wearing a hard hat and was not injured.

Potential Hazards:

- If a cinch breaks while being tightened, it can cause serious injury to the driver and may cause the load to loosen and the logs to shift.
- If the cinch breaks while driving, there could be others seriously injured by a log falling onto a roadway into traffic.

Prevention:

- Complete pre and post trip inspections of cinches and wrappers
- Ensure proper PPE is used
- Ensure you are standing on firm ground with a wide stance when tightening cinches



WSBC Regulation:

- [Section 26.68](#)

Load Securement Resources:

- [Load Securement Project Phase 2 Report](#)
- [BCFSC YouTube Video: Throwing Wrappers - Techniques for Reducing Injuries](#)

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