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SAFETY ALERT

Log Trailer Reach Failure on Railway Crossing

Date: July 2024

Location: Shuswap Region

Details: A log truck experienced a mechanical failure when the trailer reach separated from the rear of the trailer as the truck turned off a public road and into the mill yard.

The rear tires did not turn, stranding the truck and trailer on the railway tracks owned by Canadian Pacific-Kansas City (CPKC).

Shutting down a rail line requires clear communication with the railway company.

In the event of an emergency such as this, it is critical that correct information is provided to Railway Police dispatch for immediate assistance.

Learnings / Suggestions:

- Regular inspections of trailers are required. The driver indicated the trailer had been inspected one month prior - however you cannot visually inspect the area of the reach/trailer that separated.
- Have Safe Work Procedures (SWPs) in place for railway crossings. Working at such a location with heavy equipment creates a challenge to avoid damaging the track or crossing infrastructure.
- At CPKC crossings you can call 1-800-716-9132 and provide the crossing ID# and dispatch will know the exact location of the crossing.



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