



Basic Safety Tips



- ◆ Safety is Job #1 - Make certain you understand and demonstrate a genuine and consistent concern for safety. It's your companies main priority. Lead by example and never bend their rules.
- ◆ Take time this month to review your Safety Program with crew. Hold regular safety meetings like these and include CPR, first aid and other trainings.
- ◆ Wear PPE - It may save your life or prevent serious injury. OSHA requires at a minimum: hard hats, eye protection, hearing protection, and foot protection for all woods workers. Chain saw operators must wear cut resistant leg protection and logging boots. Equipment operators should wear seat belts. Wear high visibility clothing as well. If its worn out replace it!
- ◆ Look For Overhead Hazards - All workers should practice "heads up" to avoid possible hazards. Remember: Gravity kills! Recognize overhead hazards and safely eliminate the danger; for example, using a skidder to ground a lodged or setback tree before work continues.
- ◆ Two Tree Lengths Rule - Plan work so that you are separated by at least two tree lengths of the trees being felled. This is especially important when manual felling or felling with a continuously rotating saw head is being done. Watch out for each other! This separation of workers, while maintaining visual or audible contact with each other, greatly reduces the risk of serious injury if an accident occurs.
- ◆ Maintenance & Repair - On fully mechanized logging operations, the greatest risk of injury occurs during equipment maintenance and repair. Inspect your equipment before use every time and remember lock out tagout procedures..
- ◆ Keep up with regular, preventative maintenance program on all equipment. Safely ground moving elements before maintenance and repair. Set the parking brake and place the transmission in park. Use the 3-point mount and dismount technique to avoid slips, trips, and falls when working on logging machines.
- ◆ Be Your Best! - Many loggers are injured because they show up to work in poor mental or physical condition. They may be sick, distracted because of personal problems, on drugs, tired, or hung over. Exercise regularly and eat healthy. Leave personal problems at home.
- ◆ Don't Take Chances - Remember, no job is so important that your safety has to be jeopardized to accomplish it. Don't hurry! It's hard not to hurry at times, especially during periods of daily quotas. Make sure you remember that safety is Job #1.

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