

Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Each and every day thousands of folks head to work in the woods in Georgia & Florida, our goal is to not make the news!

As you know, HAZARDS abound whether you are in the woods, at the landing or driving a truck.

No matter how big or small an accident, if it involves a logging business it brings negative attention both locally and nationally.

To put our best foot forward, each person of the logging crew should be aware how simple it is for little things to be overlooked. Loader operators must be aware that logs they load will shift in route. Drivers must inspect their load and truck and not travel with unsafe loads. Employers must instill a safety mind-set. A few extra minutes to fix errors saves lives.

Remember every time a loaded log truck drives on a public road it's an advertisement for you and your company.

What if your family were following behind your company's log truck, wouldn't you take the time to review the checklist?

- Is the truck clean and debris removed so it does not get flung at other vehicles?
- Do the tires have adequate tread so they do not disintegrate and become airborne?
- Is the load trimmed properly to prevent limbs and other objects falling off?
- Is the load secured properly to prevent shift?
- Have you checked for no excessive mud?
- Are any of the logs over the legal standards?
- Is the load chained or strapped?
- Is there proper flagging, reflective tape and lights?
- Have you completed your pre-trip inspection without issue?
- Once you leave the rutted woods area, have you checked again for securement of the load?



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