



INDUSTRY

# SAFETY ALERT

## Log truck fails to get radio clearance before entering block, rips strawline from landing bucker's hand

**Location:** Mission, BC (Norrish Creek)

**Date:** March 16, 2021

**Details of Serious Incident:** A log loader was behind a yarder and up the road waiting for a truck to show up to load. The yarding crew was stringing straw line up the hill preparing to move the yarder to a new location.

As the Landing Bucker was pulling a tangle from inside the drum, a log truck entered the block passing a sign "*call for clearance*" without calling for clearance.

The truck then proceeded all the way up the road and across the straw line through the landing. The straw line was caught up in the undercarriage of the truck and it pulled the line as the Bucker was working on it, ripping it from the Bucker's hand.

The injured worker had his back to the truck and earmuffs on, so he did not see or hear the truck coming until it was too late.

The driver continued up to the loader, oblivious to the fact he had driven through the line. The worker received first aid and then was transported to the hospital.

The injury could be profoundly serious. It cut the tip of his index finger almost off. At this point doctors stitched it back on and the bucker is waiting to see a specialist to determine if they can re-attach the nerve or will have to amputate.

### **Learnings & Suggestions:**

- Review Standard Operating Procedures
- Post an additional sign
- Block the road when needed.

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