

SAFETY ALERT

Log Struck Driver at Dewrap Station

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Potential Hazards

- Logs or objects that are not secured within stakes in a load have potential to fall below the arms on dewrap station.
- Dewrap only protects from logs that come overtop the stakes and not logs that are lower than the dewrap arms.
- Short logs should be contained within the bundle and not on the outside or top of a load.
- Dewrap station may create a false sense of security that it protects drivers from all potential hazards.
- Loads may shift during the trip - rough roads, frost heaves, train crossings all contribute.

Preventative Actions

- Prior to leaving Loader ensure load is crowned and all logs on the outside of the load horizontally extend more than 6" past the stakes.
- Drivers complete hazard assessment of load prior to lowering dewrap arms and removing wrappers.
- If load found to be unsafe, do not use dewrap station. Call loader operator to assist in safely restraining load prior to removing wrappers.
- Log yard and Harvesting supervisors to increase frequency of observations at dewrap stations with a focus on educating the importance of hazard assessment.
- Woodlands Transportation Safety Procedures updated to include, assessing load prior to using the dewrap and what to do if unsafe load identified.

Incident Summary

- Log was not secured within the stakes.
- Wrappers removed at dewrap station, as the arms were raised the log fell and struck drivers hand.
- Driver taken to hospital and received stitches on finger.
- The load was checked part way from block to mill and the log was not loose at this time.
- Driver did not assess the load for hazards such as loose logs or objects prior to removing the wrappers at the mill.



SAFETY COMES FIRST

...and it starts with the person you see in the mirror.

