

Safe Work Procedure – Cable Yarding – Chokerman

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Caulked Boots
Hi-vis Hardhat
Gloves
Stagged Pants

- A chokeman is under the direct supervision of the Rigging Slinger; the Hooktender being the supervisor of the side.
- If doubtful of anything, ask the Rigging Slinger or the Hooktender.
- Pull lines with your whole body, not just your arms. If too heavy for one man, get help.
- Grip the line firmly with your hands so that they won't slide. This prevents a jagger wound.
- Stay well away from bights and siwashes.
- Stand behind the Rigging Slinger when the butt rigging is moving.
- Never stand under the butt rigging when setting a choker.
- Learn the proper way to set a choker. If possible, always set the choker by putting the knob over the log. Watch for the choker bell sliding down the lines.
- Never stand close to the tail block or the stump, in case the strap or lines break or the stump pulls.
- Learn the proper way to pack a block so that it can be thrown clear in case of tripping.
- Never allow yourself to walk into a landing behind or over a pile while a loader is in the landing.
- Be aware of flying chokers.
- When unhooking guylines, stand on eye side of line.

ADDITIONAL SWP NOTES
