

Safe Work Procedure – Cable Yarding – Rigging Slinger

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

RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS:

- A Rigging Slinger is directly responsible for the safety of the men he directs.
- Ensure your crew are in a safe position at all times.
- Observe and correct the unsafe work practices of your crew.
- Communicate; tell them what you plan for the next turn.
- Insist that your crew pay attention to the turn while it's on its way in; that way they will be alert for sliding logs, rolling rocks, flying chunks or other hazards.
- Never permit the crew to work in the bight or near tailhold stumps.
- Ensure that the crew is above, behind and well in the clear of every turn before giving a "go ahead" whistle.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN GENERAL:

- A Rigging Slinger is directly under the supervision of the Hooktender.
- Plan your turns carefully, consider the route you will take and the logs to be choked.
- Inspect the rigging and lines for loose shackles, cracks, worn or damaged eyes, burnt lines or scab straps. Inspect the chokers for jagers.
- Listen to the whistle, blow a stop immediately and correct if the wrong whistle has been given.
- Be careful not to slack lines too far down without instructing loaders to watch for lines.
- Do not set a turn under the pile if loading is in operation.
- If rigging is hung up on a limb or sapling, clear it by slacking the rigging down before setting the turn.
- Adequate training is required by a qualified person before using a power saw.
- Ensure equipment operators are aware of your intentions.
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- Never allow yourself or your crew to walk into a landing behind or over a pile while a loader is in the landing.
- Use eye protection when cutting cable.
- Slack off lines before going into hang-up.
- Do not enter turn until butt rigging has been slacked to stop flying chokers.

