

## **Safe Work Procedure – Logging Truck Driver**

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**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Adequate Footwear with good traction soles  
Hi-vis Hardhat  
Gloves  
Hi-vis Vest  
Hearing Protection

### **PROCEDURES:**

#### **Vehicle Inspections**

- Inspect the logging truck to ensure it is in safe operating condition.
- Check the logging rigging regularly to ensure the cables, bunks, stakes, lift straps, couplings, lights and other critical components are free of defects and in good working order.
- Check the condition of the brakes and adjust them regularly to ensure they are functioning properly.
- Ensure the required government inspections of the vehicle are conducted and are current.

#### **Operating the Vehicle**

- All logging trucks must be equipped with a two-way radio using the frequency posted for the particular haul road.
- Drive with the headlights on at all times.
- Passengers are not allowed unless they have proper authorization.
- Operate the logging truck in a safe manner. Drive within the posted speed limits and/or within safe speeds determined by the conditions of the road.
- Always get into and leave the truck in a safe manner using the handholds provided to prevent slipping and tripping.
- Wear the personal protective equipment required when getting out of the vehicle.
- Refer to Section “Rules of the Road” for Operating the vehicle on industrial forest roads and use of the two-way radio system.
- Report any observed unsafe haul road conditions to your supervisor, the logging contractor or the sawmill personnel.

#### **Tire Chains**

- Where winter conditions prevail, always adequately chain up the vehicle in a safe flat location before you encounter areas where vehicle traction is questionable. You must be prepared to stop suddenly if you meet unexpected traffic or an unforeseen event occurs.
- Always follow proper lifting techniques when handling tire chains. Bend your legs and keep your back straight while lifting the chains.

### **Log Loading**

- Ensure there is a safe area for loading.
- Follow the communication system established at the loading site with the loaderman.
- Always wear required personal protective equipment when outside the vehicle.
- Use caution and communicate with the loaderman when coupling up the trailer unit.
- Do not walk along slippery narrow components of the logging truck and trailer unit to release stake extensions and straighten bunks.
- The location of the driver must be known by the loaderman at all times. Stay inside the truck cab or out in front of the unit while being loaded.
- Do not climb on top of the truck or the load. Branches must be trimmed from the logs before they are placed on the load. Logs with protruding branches placed on top of the load must be removed by the loader and branches trimmed at ground level.
- Communicate with the loaderman that the loading is complete and ready to install load wrappers.
- Have the loaderman restrain the load on the side where wrappers will be installed if possible.
- Observe the area for hazards before installing wrappers i.e. moving equipment, debris, icy conditions etc.
- Ensure good footing while throwing wrappers over the load.
- All logs must be restrained with a minimum of two wrappers. Ensure firm grip on the cinch handle when closing the cinch.
- Give notice on proper radio channel that you are leaving the landing and ensure all workers are in the clear before pulling out.

### **Unloading**

- Approach the unloading area in a safe manner. Watch for other workers and machinery which might be present.
- Wear required P.P.E. when outside the vehicle.
- Follow the safe unloading procedures established at the unloading site.
- Ensure good communications with the loaderman.
- The load must be restrained before wrappers are removed from the load.
- Remain in a safe location and in view of the loaderman while being unloaded. Usually the driver will remain in the cab of the truck or out in front of the truck. Follow the posted unloading procedures at the unloading site.
- Ensure workers and machinery are in the clear before moving through the log yard.


### **Logging Truck and Lowbed Lockout Procedure for Field Situations**

1. Stop in a wide, flat and visible location.
2. Exit truck wearing hi-vis vest and hardhat.
3. Notify other affected workers, public (where possible).
4. Apply parking (MAXI) brake.
5. Shut off truck, put truck in lowest gear or in reverse and place wheel chocks. If chocks are not available, use a method that gives equivalent security to prevent the vehicle from moving.

6. Put out safety triangles if on running surface of road.
7. Remove the key and keep it with you if working in a situation where another worker could start the truck.
8. Turn off master switch (if truck is equipped with master / night switch).
  - a. Put lock and tag on master switch.
9. Bleed off any hydraulic or air pressure if applicable.
10. Test to verify zero energy (electrical-hydraulic-gravity).

**Truck Lockout Procedure for Shop Situations**

1. Notify other affected employees.
2. Apply tractor parking (MAXI) brake.
3. Place wheel chocks.
4. Shut off engine.
5. Remove the key and keep it with you or in the shop lock box. Turn off master switch (if truck is equipped with master / night switch).
  - o Put scissor lockout hasp on master switch if more than one worker will be working the truck.
  - o Each worker working on the truck puts their personal lock and tag on hasp.
6. Bleed off any hydraulic or air pressure if applicable.
7. Test to verify zero energy (electrical-hydraulic-gravity).

		
<p><b>Lockout tag (front)</b></p>	<p><b>Lockout tag (back)</b></p>	<p><b>Scissor lockout hasp – with marked locks</b></p>

[Company Logo]

**Company Name**

**Additional SWP Notes**

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**ADDITIONAL SWP NOTES**

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