



SAFETY ALERT

PUBLIC SECTOR INCIDENT ALERT

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ID Number: 2024158820003

Core Activity: Field Work Services

Injury Type: Contusions and Abrasions

Location: Interior, B.C.

Date of Incident: 2024-Feb

What's a skidder?

A skidder is any type of heavy vehicle used in a logging operation for pulling cut trees out of a forest in a process called "skidding", in which the logs are transported from the cutting site to a landing.



REDUCE YOUR RISK

A few safety tips:

1

Effective Communication

- Ensure a reliable and tested communication plan exists between the chain saw operator, the skidder operator, and other employees in the area.

2

Maintain Safe Distances

- Anyone assisting a skidder operator should ensure they are positioned at least twice the distance away of the longest log being pulled.
- Stay at a safe distance from the skidder and the logs it is pulling to avoid accidents, ensuring no one is in the path of potential swing zones of the logs.

3

Clear Landing Area

- When skidder operators enter a landing or decking area, ensure all workers are in the clear and maintain constant radio contact with other equipment.

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Always wear appropriate PPE, including helmets, high-visibility vests, steel-toe boots, gloves, and eye protection.

Additional Resources:

1. [BC Forest Safe - Grapple Skidder Safe Work Procedure](#)
2. [WorkSafe NB - Hazard Alert with Recommendations](#)