

HAZARD ALERT

Industry: Trucking, logging

Age: 46 years

Experience: 22 years

Area: Northern B.C.

Driver killed while working underneath logging truck

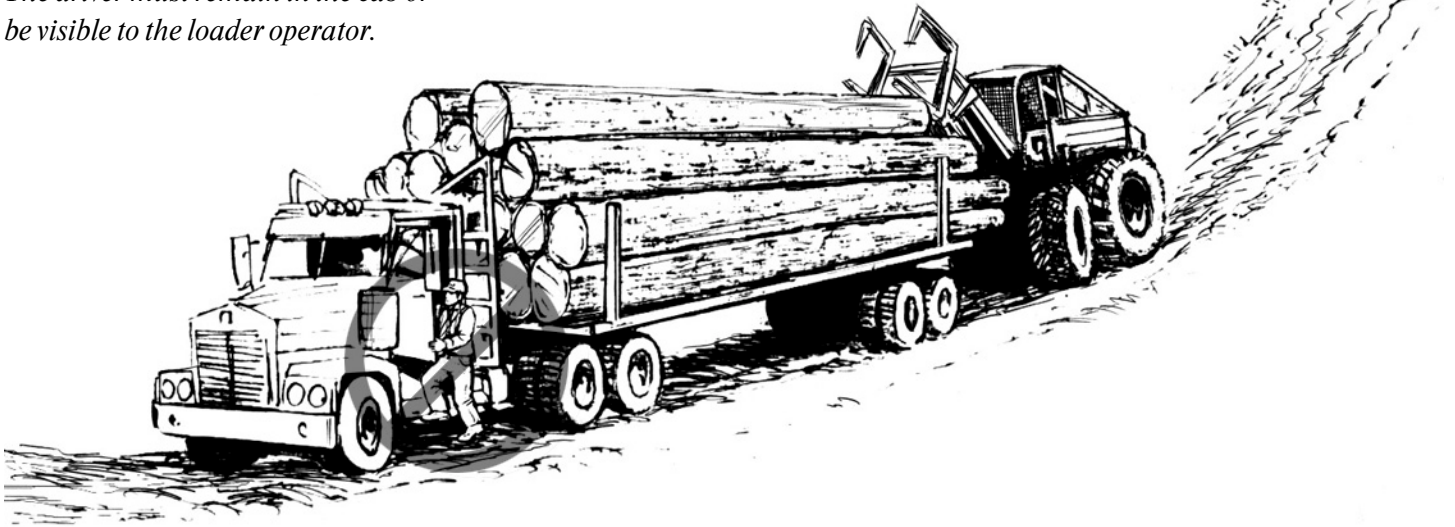
A loaded logging truck was unable to climb a snow-covered and icy hill. The driver called for help from a loader operator, and they decided to remove some logs to lighten the load. Because the truck was near a bridge, the logs could be unloaded only from the back, not the side. The truck driver got out of the cab and went under the vehicle, possibly to adjust the brakes on the truck drive axles.

As the loader operator was removing a log, the loader bumped the load of logs. The truck moved, running over the truck driver. The driver later died of his injuries.

Safe work practices:

- Truck drivers must remain in the cab or stay where the loader operator can see them at all times.
- Loader operators must not unload logs unless they know the truck driver is in a safe location.
- Inspect the brakes at the start of each shift and at other times as necessary. Ensure that air brake slack adjusters are properly set.

The driver must remain in the cab or be visible to the loader operator.



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