

# LOG DECK DANGER!

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## LOADER OPERATION

The loader should have a horn (or other warning device) to signal the start of operation.

Workers should trim all stems before loading on a truck.

Workers should stay a safe distance away from grappled stems and should never allow grappled stems to pass near them or overhead!



## TRUCKS

Watch for moving trucks.

Remain a safe distance away while a truck is being loaded.

## SAFETY ON THE LOG DECK



Safety must be first in all logging activities!

The landing area, or “deck” is the busiest place on the entire logging operation.

## LOG DECK CONDITIONS

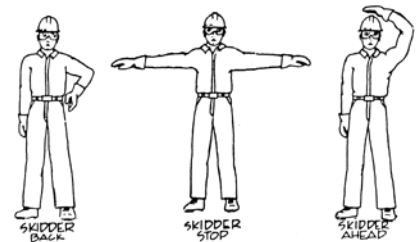
Log decks should be located on level ground.

Remove logging debris and trash regularly.

Before using the log deck, remove all snags and other hazards.

Workers should wear high-visibility vests or hard hats, so they will be seen.

Basic hand signals should be understood by all crew members.



## SKIDDER OPERATION

Workers on the log deck should avoid landing approaches and equipment operator blind spots.

Workers should maintain a safe distance from operating equipment.

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Workers should **NOT** approach a skidder until it has come to a complete stop and you have the attention of the operator.

When handling chokers, workers should make sure the equipment operator can see them.

Wear proper gloves when handling cable.



## FIRE PROTECTION

Workers with oily or greasy clothes should stay away from open flames.

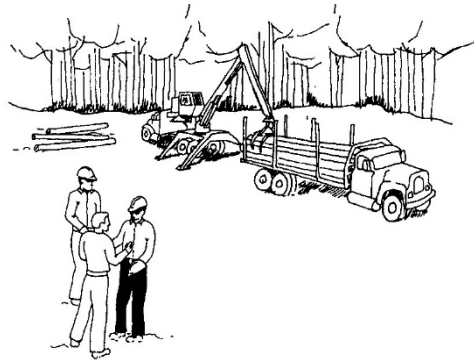
Never throw gas or diesel fuel on an open flame.

Proper firefighting equipment should be located on the log deck.

## VISITORS

Never allow visitors, spectators or unauthorized persons to be on or near any operation unless supervised.

Most visitors are **NOT** aware of hazards or dangers. They must be warned and wear proper protective equipment.



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