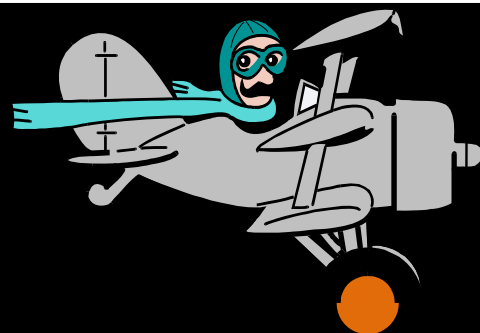


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SLIPPERY LOGS

With the onset of Spring conditions, the sap is again flowing resulting in very slippery logs. This has resulted in 9 Property Damage and Near Hit incidents in September, where a key contributing factor was how slippery the logs are. As a minimum, please ensure the following controls are in place:

Cartage:

- Check your load regularly, especially after heavy breaking or going up or down steep slopes.
- Ensure your bolsters are correctly spaced for the log length and every packet is belly chained.
- Ensure the load complies with the ACOP in terms of crowning and log placement in relation to the bolsters.
- Ensure the truck is on level ground as much as possible during loading.

Loading:

- When possible mix and match SEDs and LEDs to keep packets level.
- Reduce the number of logs in each grab.
- Minimise gaps in the load as much as possible so all logs are supported on all sides.

Remember Loader Operators and Truck Drivers have a joint responsibility to take all reasonably practicable steps make sure the load is safe.