



Zero Fatalities
Zero Lost Time
Zero Road/Speed Incidents
Zero Environmental Incidents
Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 18

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Focus Group: Cable Logging

Topic: Aviation Safety

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Incident: A RNZAF A109 Helicopter flew through a valley where a hauler had been operating with its ropes hundreds of meters in the air only minutes beforehand! This [incident](#) was notified to the forest industry by the NZ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Injury Details: Nil – but high potential for catastrophic loss and harm.

Risk Awareness: Forests often have adjoining operations and the hazards created by the one can severely impact on another. Aircraft, especially helicopters, can be expected to be flying 150 meters above the ground as they complete operations. In adverse weather, they may fly lower, below cloud and at higher risk of ground hazards.

Safe Behaviours: PCBU's are required to take all reasonable steps to manage safety risks arising from work activities. CAA recommends the following:

1. Raise a [NOTAM](#) – advising the type, location and height of the hazard to aircraft.
2. Consult, Cooperate and Coordinate – See [HSW Act 2015 s. 34 \(1\)](#) – identify local aircraft operators to advise them on the activity. Consider publishing a notice.
3. Use an early warning system (lighting, marking) to alert others to the hazard.

For Site Manager use (print this document and then complete):

This safety alert is relevant to my site?

Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, complete the following actions:

1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board or in the safety file

Site Manager: _____
(signature)

Date: / /

