

PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 60

Date: June 2023	Focus Group: Tree & Other Delivery Vehicles
Topic: Unfamiliar Environment	Issued by: Nic Steens

Background and Incident: Recently a tree delivery truck reversed into a woolshed paddock and got stuck/wedged onto a concrete post. In another incident a delivery driver misjudged an entrance way, and the front passenger wheel went into a ditch. In past seasons tree delivery vehicles have got stuck in paddocks, lost traction on farm tracks, met logging trucks on narrow roads and drivers have fallen off truck decks or into holes concealed by piles of planting boxes! They have also been left to unload and stack treestocks, and injured themselves, when they shouldn't have been working alone.

Injury Details: No injuries yet! This toolbox safety alert is precautionary advice.

Risk Awareness: The forest (and some farm) environments are not designed for larger vehicles; also, the vehicles are not ideal in the conditions e.g., having long wheelbases, road tyres without 4WD capability. Drivers may also be unfamiliar with the forest/farm and its access ways and may not realise that a track or road is unsuitable until too late!

Safe Behaviours to keep in mind:

- Share information on road access, tracks and hazards and provide updates – [the 3Cs](#).
- Select storage areas that are safe to access, unload, and load treestocks.
- Meet and ferry the driver into the forest/farm and help them unload and load.
- Leave empty boxes in a safe place, free from hazards, and keep things tidy.

For Site Manager:

Print and complete the following:

1. Discuss with employees/operators:
2. Place on-site notice board or in file:

Site Manager: _____ **Date:** / /
(initials)

