





# PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 72

<b>Date:</b> May 2024	<b>Focus Group:</b> Log Truck Drivers and Loader Operators
<b>Topic:</b> Log Loading Safety	<b>Issued by:</b> Nic Steens

**Background and Incidents:** Several incidents involving log trucks have posed significant risks or caused damage during log loading and transport, for instance:

-  A loader overbalanced, dropping the trailer and damaging the truck.
-  A log trailer dropped onto the truck deck due to an unexpected grapple malfunction.
-  An over-height load struck a shed beam at the Port, resulting in structural damage.
-  A log slid out of the grapple, damaging the drawbar and chain hook.

**Injury Details:** No injuries were reported, but each incident had high potential for serious harm and most caused costly damage.

**Risk Awareness:** Severe injury and/or damage from falling logs, accidents or rollovers.

**Safe Behaviours:** To minimise risk, truck drivers and loader operators must:

- Receive proper training and be familiar with equipment capabilities.
- Ensure loaders and trucks are [correctly positioned](#) to prevent overbalancing.
- [Secure loads](#) according to industry standards before moving or transporting.
- Maintain effective communication and follow site-specific and [industry standards](#).
- Use PPE, designated loading areas, and adhere to speed limits.
- Read and understand the log loading and security expectations in this [booklet](#).
- Prepare for unexpected situations and plan evasive actions accordingly.
- Adhere to height and weight limits and check for any obstructions en-route.

**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:** / /  
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