

SKIDDER SAFETY

Logging Safety in Rubber Tire Skidding an FRA Southwide Safety Committee Logging Safety Brochure

This brochure has been developed in accordance with existing OSHA requirements. However, recommendations are not to be construed as a substitute for compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL



**MEANS:
ATTENTION! BE ALERT!
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**

THIS SAFETY SYMBOL IS USED FOR IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES. WHEN YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL, FOLLOW THE SAFETY MESSAGE TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

A signal word - DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION is used with the safety alert symbol.



DANGER identifies the hazard or unsafe practice that will result in severe personal injury or death.



WARNING identifies the hazard or unsafe practice that could result in severe personal injury or death.



CAUTION identifies the hazard or unsafe practice that could result in personal injury or property damage.



NOTICE identifies important installation, operation, or maintenance information.

GENERAL SAFETY

P.P.E. = Personal Protective Equipment

WEAR IT!



Unsafe operation or maintenance can cause severe injury or death.

Do not operate or work on this machine without reading and understanding the Operator's Manual.



Only a trained, qualified operator shall be allowed to operate this machine.

Install a first aid kit and properly maintained fire extinguisher in the operator's cab.

Perform a walk-around inspection of the unit at least twice a day.



Keep skidder clean!

Maintain proper fire suppression equipment on unit at all times.



Use the seatbelt

Skidder operation should be performed only from the operator's seat. Secure loose items in cab.

Always maintain 3-point contact when mounting or dismounting (both hands and foot or both feet and one hand).



OPERATOR SAFETY TIPS

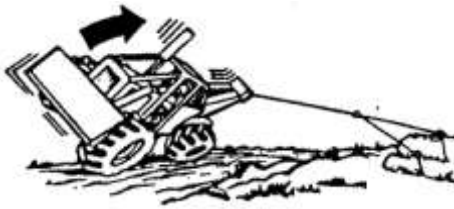
Familiarize yourself with the logging site before beginning the operation, noting timber distribution and size, ground conditions, terrain, and hazards.



Ground the blade, set the brake, and disengage transmission before dismounting. Set chokers at butt end of log.



Wear proper gloves when handling cable.



Winch load in straight line to avoid rollover.



Operate up and down slopes where a rollover hazard exists.



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Push or pull lodged trees to the ground.



Maintain safe operating distances from other workers and operations.



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.

BE PROFESSIONAL – BE SAFE