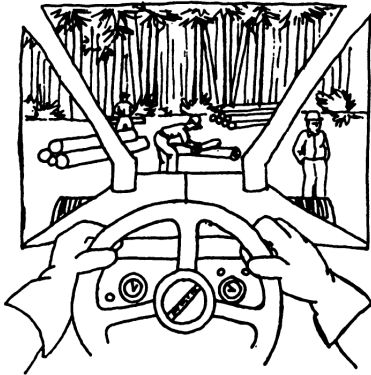


# LOG DECK DANGER!!!

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.

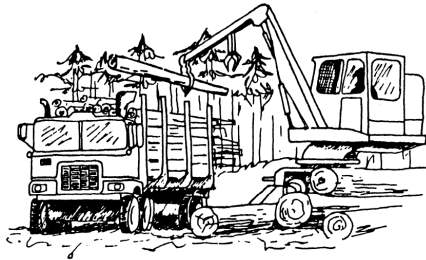


## SAFETY ON THE LOG DECK

Safety must be first in all logging activities!!!

The landing area, or "deck," is the busiest place on the entire logging operation.

Many accidents occur on and near the log deck. When proper safety guidelines are used, these accidents can be prevented.

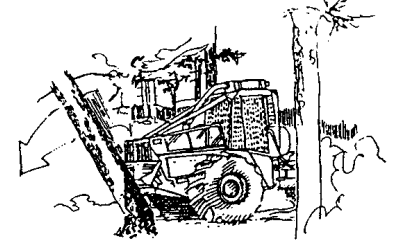


## LOG DECK CONDITIONS

Log decks should be located on level ground.

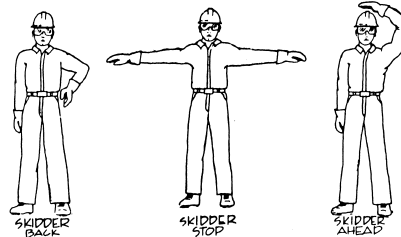
Remove logging debris and trash regularly.

Before using the log deck, remove all snags and other hazards.



Workers should wear high-visibility vests or hard hats, so they will be seen.

Basic hand signals should be understood by all crew members.



## SKIDDER OPERATION

Workers on the log deck should avoid landing approaches and equipment operator blind spots.

Workers should maintain a safe distance from operating equipment.

Workers should not approach a skidder until it has come to a complete stop.

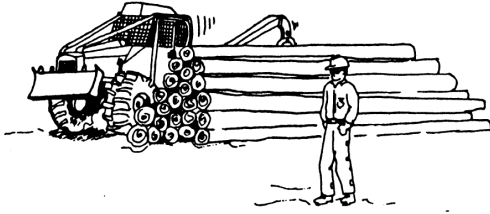
When handling chokers, workers should make sure the equipment operator can see them.



Wear proper gloves when handling cable.



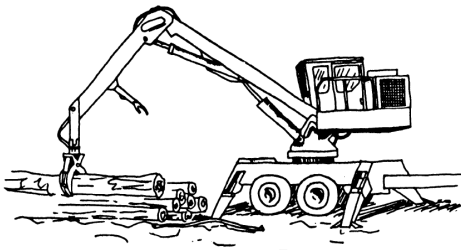
Workers should remain a safe distance from log piles.



### **LOADER OPERATION**

The loader should have a horn (warning device) to signal the start of operation.

Workers should trim all stems *before* loading on a truck.



Workers should stay a safe distance away from grappled stems and should never allow grappled stems to pass near them or overhead!!!

### **TRUCKS**

Watch for moving trucks.

Remain a safe distance away while a truck is being loaded.

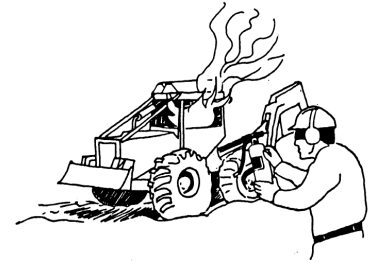


### **FIRE PROTECTION**

Workers with oily or greasy clothes should stay away from open flames.

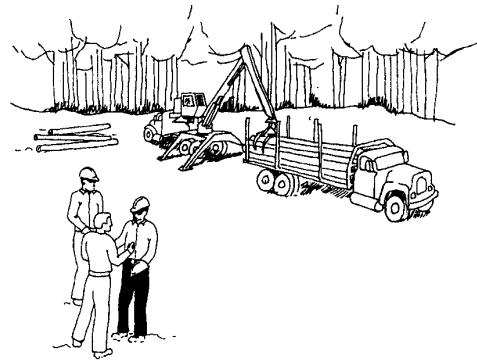
Never throw gas or diesel fuel on an open flame.

Proper fire fighting equipment should be located on the log deck.



### **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.



Southwide Safety Committee  
**Forest Resources Association Inc.**  
1901 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 303, Washington, DC 20006  
202-296-3937