

Logging Operations: Understanding Safe Work Procedures

5-Minute Talk

Overview of topic

Review the following points on safe performance of assigned work tasks.

Personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment must be maintained in a serviceable condition. All equipment must be inspected before initial use during the workshift. If any defects or damage are observed, the personal protective equipment must be repaired or replaced.

Employees must wear foot protection, such as heavy-duty logging boots, that are waterproof or water repellant and cover/provide support to the ankle. Chain saw operators must wear foot protection that is constructed with cut-resistant material that will protect the employee against contact with a running chain saw.

Employees who are subject to falling and flying objects must wear head protection. In addition, eye and face protection must be worn if there is the potential for eye or face injuries to occur. Logger-mesh screens may be worn by employees performing chain-saw operations and yarding.

For each vehicle or machine (equipped with rollover or falling object protection or overhead guards), the employee must use and fasten the available seat belt while the vehicle or machine is being operated. Employees cannot remove seat belts from any vehicle or machine. Each seat belt must be maintained in a serviceable condition.

Environmental conditions

Employees must stop and move to a safe place when environmental conditions may create hazards. Environmental conditions include, but are not limited to, electrical storms, strong winds, heavy rain or snow, extreme cold, dense fog, fires, mudslides, and darkness.

