

Safety Notice – Load security

Kia ora koutou,

We have recently been notified of three events where log trucks have either had a log about to fall off their load or the chains were so loose the logs were moving significantly with potential to fall off.

These reports have come from experienced logging personnel and in all cases, they took appropriate action by stopping the truck and notifying the driver.



These are serious events; please use them as learning opportunities and re-enforce your own and the industry's load security requirements and best practice across your transport and harvesting operations, including the drivers and loader operators.

Effective load security requires a fit for purpose log truck and trailer, an experienced loader operator and a truck driver committed to ensuring the load is secure when leaving the loading area and again prior to exit onto public/main roads and during the balance of the journey.

For your reference:

Log Transport Safety Council standards and requirements can be found at the following link.
[LTSC Industry Standards Manual - Log Load Securing Requirements \(Nov21\) \(logtruck.co.nz\)](#)

Section 16 (Loading and Unloading) and Section 17 (Transport) of the ACOP.
[Approved Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Forest Operations | WorkSafe](#)

Our whānau and friends share the road with our trucks. The safety of all people and the reputation of our industry relies on all stakeholders understanding the guidance and applying the rules. This notice is endorsed by the signatories of the Log Transport Safety Accord.

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