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SAFETY ALERT

INCIDENT: Driver sustained injury while preparing to connect trailer to truck

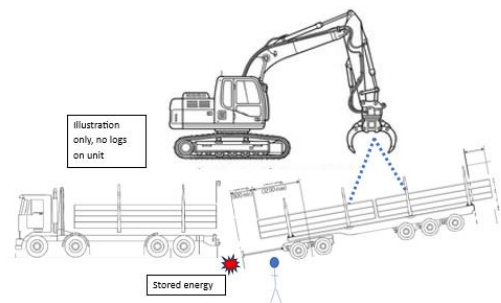
DIVISION: Ports

LOCATION: Gisborne Forest

DATE: 3/09/2026

EVENT DESCRIPTION

- A logtruck driver sustained a serious injury in forest when the trailer drawbar swung back and hit his ankle
- Industry procedures being followed to connect trailer to truck
- IP was taken to hospital and required admittance for surgery



EVENT SUMMARY

- ❖ Trailer removed from truck and held just above ground for connecting
- ❖ Trailer front wheels touching ground, drawbar unable to be fully rotated for connection
- ❖ Driver requested slight reposiiton
- ❖ Trailer raised slightly to aid alignment for connection
- ❖ Drawbar has released back, driver unable to maintain control and it has struck ankle

LEARNINGS

- ✓ Even when following correct industry procedure, things can go wrong
- ✗ Trailer downward angle together with tyres touching ground impeded drawbar rotation
- ✗ Lifting chain used but not levelled prior to lifting trailer
- ✗ Trailer fitted with trailer lifting bar but not used

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Where fitted**, trailers are to lifted with the **trailer liting bar** (→)
- Hold trailer **level**, front axle off ground, rear axle touching ground
- **Stop and reset** if any part is not proceeding as planned

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