



Skid worker run over by skidder



INCIDENT

A skid worker was injured after being run over by a skidder.

CIRCUMSTANCES

An inexperienced skid worker was run over by a Clark 666E skidder as it was reversing across a skid site.

After pulling a drag of logs on to the new skid, the operator reversed the skidder.

Unknown to the operator, a new skid worker had moved onto the skid to start his chainsaw. With only three days' experience, he wasn't accustomed to the general movement of workers and machines around a skid site and had placed himself in a dangerous position.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation determined that:

- The new skid worker lacked experience and training and was unfamiliar with operations.
- The skidder operator did not make sure the area was clear before reversing.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR ADVICE

Employers must ensure that all workers are properly supervised, instructed, trained or under training for the work they are required to perform and informed about the dangers or hazards involved in their jobs.

TO WHICH INDUSTRIES/SECTORS OR MATTERS WILL THIS INFORMATION BE RELEVANT?

- Forestry

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