

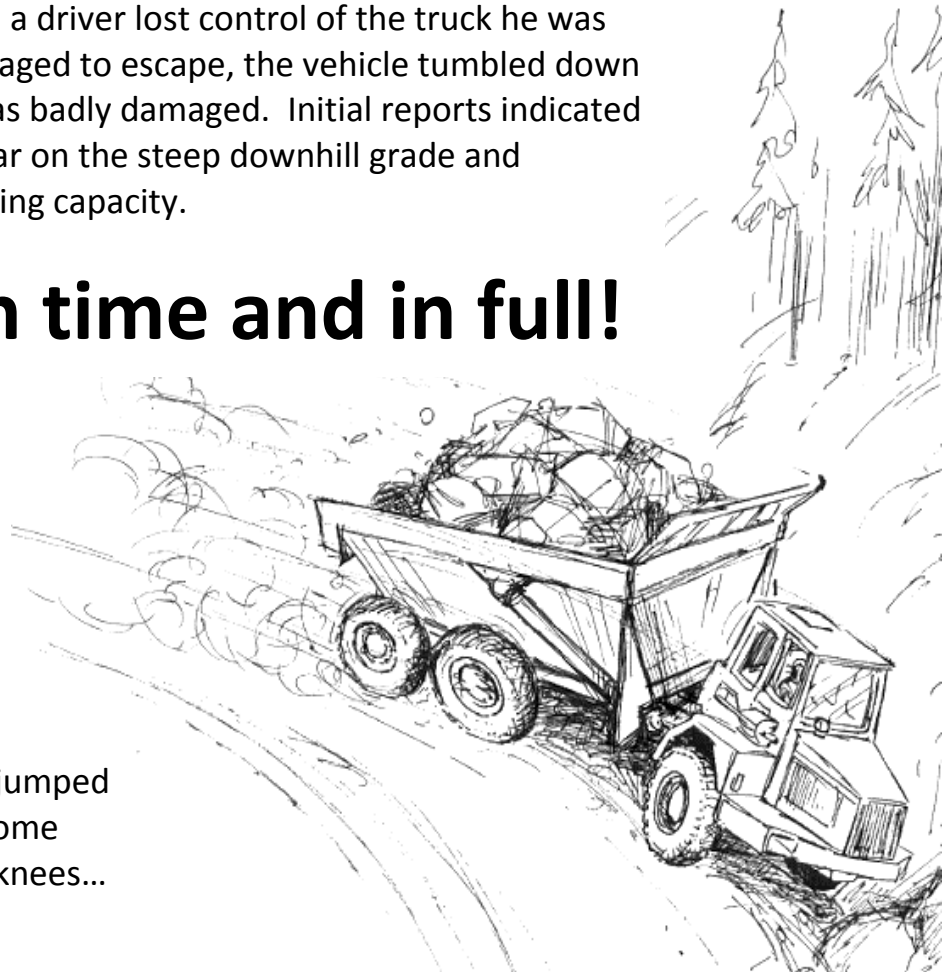
# Serious Harm & Sentinel Events

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, a driver lost control of the truck he was driving. While he managed to escape, the vehicle tumbled down off a road edge and was badly damaged. Initial reports indicated the driver missed a gear on the steep downhill grade and subsequently lost braking capacity.

## Report on time and in full!

The driver managed to get out of the cab and onto the running boards from where he continued guiding his truck.

At the last minute, he jumped to safety resulting in some minor grazing of both knees... or so the story goes!



Two PF Olsen engineers attended the scene the following day, primarily to investigate if 'road condition' had contributed to the incident. While the road was OK, the 'trail had gone cold' and the engineers struggled to make sense of the disturbed (spoil) accident scene. Now, it seems, the injury may be worse than first thought and that lost-time may have occurred? Whatever the case, at the time of writing, we still do not have all of the necessary facts and this is not acceptable!

**In view of the above, it is important to ensure that your PF Olsen manager receives the full facts, immediately – especially for serious incidents and sentinel events!**

# Slips, trips and falls – Ouch!

## **FIPS 6758 23/01/2015 – LTI**

A skidworker had just cut off the last sloven on a deck of logs. He went to step, but fell forwards chest first. At the same time, the throttle revved and with his hand outstretched he tried to brace himself in the fall. In the process, his hand made contact with the moving chain resulting in a laceration across his palm.



## **FIPS 6715 15/01/2015 – MTI**

While re-working a thinning block and crossing felled trees, a thinner was holding his saw in both hands with the chainbrake engaged. When his left foot slipped, he fell to the ground. Dropping the saw, it spun around so that the bucking spike punctured his thigh behind his chaps.



## **Known hazard controls – only helpful when applied!**

The BPG (for Manual Processing and Logmaking) p. 29 suggests that we ‘keep the ground clear of obstructions such as sloven or slash’ and ‘to remove small offcuts and branches manually’. Additionally, that the logmaker can ‘arrange for the processing area to be bladed clear’ and/or ‘for a grapple-equipped machine to move larger pieces...’

Similarly, The BPG (for Chainsaws) p. 10 advises us to turn the saw off and activate the chain brake when walking any distance or over obstacles. Carrying the saw with ‘both hands’ will enable operators to ‘throw the chainsaw clear’ if they happen to slip.

## Safe Op – Using Radio Transmitters (RT)

By now, PF Olsen Employees and Contractors will have had the time to review the **Safe OP – Using Radio Transmitters (RT)** issued at January’s Safe Start Up meetings.

Unlike the ‘Safe Loading of Logs’ project that staged educational meetings, the Zero Tolerance Committee will (this time) rely on the direct employer to provide a presentation of this Safe Op to employees and to complete the related RT induction.

### **Presentations and Induction Forms...**

**EMPLOYERS – Please complete by: 31/03/13**



**Employer’s role:** We are requesting that employers discuss the content of the ‘Safe Op’ (RT) with relevant employees at their safety meetings and also ensure that induction forms are completed and signed<sup>1</sup>. When complete, e-mail the induction form(s) through to PF Olsen by using [h&s@pfolsen.com](mailto:h&s@pfolsen.com)

**NB:** We do not require individuals to carry copies of this induction form; rather keep the form(s) with your other safety system information, available to an auditor.

## **Call-in/out – commences 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015!**

Central North Island operations that have the capability to communicate with the **Rotorua Radio Communications Centre** will be required to commence call-in/out (see p. 2 of the Safe Op – Using Radio Transmitters) beginning the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**NB:** See subheading – **Call-in/Call-out where a monitoring facility is operating:**

<sup>1</sup> The ‘PF Olsen disciplinary procedure’ applies for cases of non-compliance with the Safe Op – Using Radio Transmitters (RT)



## CSC – it’s about keeping people SAFE!

The PF Olsen Central Safety Committee (CSC) recently celebrated its first anniversary, which incidentally coincided with the Company’s **best ever safety performance** – a Total Injury Frequency Rate (TIFR) of **8.2** – a real credit to everyone involved!

For those of you that have not yet caught up with the work of the CSC – here is a brief summary of its structure and activities:

- CEO – Peter Clark [peter.clark@pfolsen.com](mailto:peter.clark@pfolsen.com) chairs the CSC, which is essentially a governance committee. It has 14 members; three of which dial in from Australia and two New Zealand Contractor’s representatives, namely Ross Burns (Forest Distribution Ltd) and Rodney Hubbard (H&R Harvesting Ltd).
- There are four sub-committees:
  1. Zero Tolerance – contact [mike.spiers@pfolsen.com](mailto:mike.spiers@pfolsen.com)
  2. Mechanisation – contact [hamish.macpherson@pfolsen.com](mailto:hamish.macpherson@pfolsen.com)
  3. Training – contact [ged.terry@pfolsen.com](mailto:ged.terry@pfolsen.com)
  4. Special projects – contact [peter.keach@pfolsen.com](mailto:peter.keach@pfolsen.com)
- These committees are doing a lot of good work, which you can read about and discuss at your two-monthly safety meeting – see [recent minutes](#).
- We encourage you to contribute and participate, and to send any ideas or feedback you may have to any of the committee members as detailed above.