



Zero Fatalities  
 Zero Lost Time  
 Zero Road/Speed Incidents  
 Zero Environmental Incidents  
 Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



# PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 11

<b>Date:</b> 30 April 2019	<b>Focus Group:</b> Operators / Drivers
<b>Topic:</b> Communication Procedures	<b>Issued by:</b> Craig Fisher

**Incident:** Two recent incidents have occurred where communication protocols have been ignored. In one incident a felling machine has recommenced felling without first communicating with a fellow operator who was working nearby but within one tree length of the operation. One of the trees fell backwards and struck the other machine. In another incident a truck driver has not seen any felling being completed near the road closed banner so has put the banner down and driven through without first calling up for permission.

**Injury Details:** Minor machine damage in one incident only.

**Risk Awareness:** Both outcomes could have been more serious. Communication protocols (including signage) are there to warn others of possible danger.

**Safe Behaviour:** Communication – checking rather than assuming – is the key to excellence in forest operations. Radio calls are easy to make and, in both situations, would have confirmed if the intended action was safe to undertake. We are encouraged to act wisely and not breach long-standing critical rules that are in place to safeguard us and others from serious harm.

**For Site Manager use** (print this document and then complete):

This safety alert is relevant to my site? Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, complete the following actions:

- 1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
- 2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board or in the safety file

**Site Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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