



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



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 17

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Topic: Communications	Issued by: Craig Fisher

Incident: A processor operator bumped a stem into a log stack where a Quality Controller (QC) was marking logs. While no logs rolled the QC was startled and immediately communicated his position to the operator before leaving the area.

Injury Details: Nil – but high potential for harm.

Risk Awareness: QC’s are often the only ground-workers at worksites. If unseen by machine operators, they may be struck by a working machine or a moving object.

Safe Behaviours: It is important to eliminate the risk of this incident in our operations:

1. Communicate – The ACOP ([13.1.6](#) & [13.3.2](#)) shows clear communication is a joint responsibility. Handheld RT’s fitted with earpieces are recommended.
2. Use Time and Space (Spacing and Phasing) – See ACOP p. 126 ([7.2. Isolation](#)).
3. Increase Visibility – Use flags or orange cones to alert machine operators to nearby (potentially concealed) workers. Ensure PPE is right and bright!
4. Manage Log Stocks – Log storage areas must have a specified log capacity – see [ACOP 13.1.1](#) – and work must stop if that capacity is reached.

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: _____ **Date:** / /

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