



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



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 28

Date: 16 July 2020	Focus Group: Chainsaw Operators
Topic: Winter Ground Conditions	Issued by: Craig Fisher

Background and Incident: A waste thinner placed a scarf into a tree and moved to better position himself to complete the back cut. He lost his footing on the dry needles (duff), slid and lost balance causing his left arm to make contact with the spinning chain.

Injury Details: Lacerated left triceps requiring 13 stitches – Notifiable LTI.

Risk Awareness: Irregular terrain, changing ground conditions and undergrowth regularly contribute to slips, trips, and falls in forest operations. Mostly the consequences are minor whereas as others result in significant injuries.

Safe Behaviours: The ACOP 3.4.1 states that footwear must “provide foot and ankle support, traction and protection appropriate to the task”.

Spiked boots provide good traction – however in some conditions cleats ‘[Grippies](#)’ may be a better solution. Always be prepared to slip, trip, and/or fall by carrying tools in a way that minimises the risk of harm e.g. sharp edges out, chain-brakes on, and to the side – so they can be thrown out of harm’s way. Take your time and place your feet intentionally and thoughtfully – especially as underfoot conditions change or worsen, for example, when it is wet and steep or hinderance increases.

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