



SAFETY should be TOP OF MIND

**As folks head to work in the woods today,
the goal is to make it home safely and not make the news!**
As you know, HAZARDS abound whether you are in the woods,
at the landing or driving a truck.

Keep these things top of mind to have a safe day,...each of us need to realize how easy it is to overlook the little things. Loader operators must be aware that logs they load may shift in route. Drivers must inspect their load and truck and not travel with unsafe loads. Let's have a safety mind-set. A few extra minutes to fix errors saves lives.

**Remember every time a loaded log truck drives on a public road
it's an advertisement for you and your company.**

**What if your family were following behind your company's log truck,
wouldn't you take the time to review the checklist?**

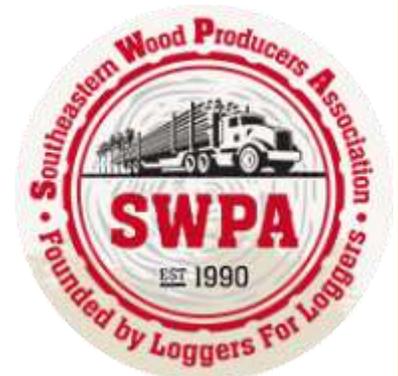
- Is the truck clean and debris removed so it does not get flung at other vehicles?
- Do the tires have adequate tread so they do not disintegrate and pieces become airborne?
- Is the load trimmed properly to prevent limbs and other objects falling off or hanging outside the trailer body?
- Is the load secured properly to prevent shift?
- Have you checked for excessive mud?
- Are any of the logs longer or higher than the legal standards?
- Is the load properly strapped down?
- Is there proper flagging, reflective tape and lights?
- Have you completed your pre-trip inspection without issue?
- Once you leave the rutted woods area, have you checked again for securement of the load?



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Toolbox Talks are provided as a courtesy to SWPA members. Please remember they are to assist you in developing a safety plan. Keep in mind OSHA, Department of Labor and Insurance requirements may change over time and it is your responsibility to make sure your safety plan is up to date.

