Partnership Logging Accidents

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Strategic Partnership Agreement

• 1998 & 1999 Accident Reports
• 25 injuries reported
• 185 loggers signed up
• 8 deaths 1999-2000
Occupation

Chainsaw: Limbs Snags Slips Machinery Dust in eyes Saw contact
Event

Falls: Mostly Mounting & Dismounting

- Struck By / Stuck Against
- Other
- Falls
Source of Injury

- Steps on machine or truck
- Trees / limbs / logs
Nature of Injury

Sprains / Strains: Includes torn ligaments, muscles, & tendons. Mostly knee.
Fatalities

- Repairs 3
- Limb or Snag 3
- Set Hands 2
Summary

- 20% Strained muscle/tendon/ligaments to knee while mounting/dismounting equipment or trucks.
- Load binders.
- Uncommon tasks -- repair, grab saw.
What does this mean?

• Safe startup procedures.
• Safe maintenance & repair procedures.
• Safe work flow.
• Minimize risk to fellers.
• Mount / dismount procedure.
• Binding.
• Flammables.
• PPE.