

Log dumps, Ponds and Yards



Section L of the Forest
Activities Code

General work practices:

Rules for the yard must be posted.

No person can approach the log handling area without:

Notifying the operator of the intention to approach the machine and receiving acknowledgement.

No person may enter the area next to a loaded log truck unless:

They are protected by a barrier.

The centers of all logs are below the top of the stakes.

The load is secured by tight wrappers.

All personnel must meet applicable PPE requirements.

Before moving machines the operator must make sure no personnel are in the path of the machine.

Logs must not be swung over ground personnel.

Riding on any part of a log handling machine other than the operators seat is prohibited.

Where are the rules for the log yard posted?

Who is authorized to operate equipment?

How are we preventing unauthorized foot traffic?



General requirements for unloading and handling logs and fiber:

The operation must be arranged so ground personnel and vehicles are not exposed to the hazards of moving logs.

Roadways and traffic lanes must be kept clear of log ends and debris.

All forklift type log handling equipment must be equipped with a grapple system and must be closed whenever logs or fiber are being carried.

How do we keep employees from being exposed to moving equipment?

How do we keep the roadways clear?

Who do we contact if there is a problem?

Wrapper removal:

Rules must be posted.

Wrappers must not be removed at weigh stations or other points of transit unless requirements for securing loads are met.

Barriers for securing loads must:

Be at least 15 feet high.

Be designed to prevent logs from striking personnel while binders and wrappers are being removed.

What are the rules for removing wrappers?

How do we assure compliance with the yard rules?

How do we assure drivers understand how to use barriers?

Trailer hoists:

Trailer loading hoist controls must have clear markings to indicate up and down directions of travel.

Trailer loading hoists must have upper limit switches.

The maximum capacity of the hoist must be posted in a conspicuous location.

Hoists must be inspected every 30 days.

Inspection reports must be retained for 12 months.

The employer must do an annual lift test.

Who inspects the trailer loading hoist?

Where are the records of the inspections kept?

Who repairs the trailer loading hoist?

Dry land log and handling process:

When personnel are required to work on logs unloaded onto skids space must be maintained between the top of the skids and the ground so logs will clear the prone body of a person.

Logs in bays or on skids for processing or scaling must not be moved until ground personnel have finished their task unless they ask for help.

Ground personnel must not walk or work behind front end loaders.

Log handling machines must not carry logs over an active processing bay.

Water dumps log ponds and booms:

A minimum of two people must work at water dumps when logs are being unloaded.

All personnel must be in the clear and a signal given before logs are dumped.

Sufficient walkways and floats must be installed and securely anchored to provide safe passage.

Gaps between end of boom sticks must not exceed 24 inches.

Walkways along sorting gaps must be at least 4 feet wide.

Life rings must be provided at convenient points to water that is 5 feet or more in depth.

How do we get debris cleared from the work area?

How do we communicate with the front end loaders?

Who evaluates safety hazards in the yard?

What PPE is required in the yard?

