

WAC 296-78-56503 Log hauls.

(1) Every log haul used as a walkway must have at least one walkway with standard railing to enable workers to stand clear of the logs in the chute. Cleats must be installed to provide safe footing on sloping walkways.

(2) Workers must not stand under or dangerously near to logs that are being hoisted vertically to the log deck.

(3) Log haul gears and bull chain drive mechanism must be adequately guarded for the protection of employees.

(a) Log haul bull chains or cable must be designed, installed, and maintained to provide a four to one safety factor for the intended load.

(b) Troughs for the return strand of log haul chains must be provided over passageways.

(c) Overhead protection must be provided for employees working below logs being moved to the log deck.

(4) Log haul controls must be arranged to operate from a position where the operator will at all times be in the clear of logs, machinery lines and rigging. Such controls must operate mechanism only when moved toward the log slip or deck.

(5) Where possible, an automatic stop must be installed on all log hauls. A positive stop must be installed on all log hauls to prevent logs from traveling too far ahead in the mill.

(6) Slip persons must handle pike poles in such manner as to be in the clear in case of a slip back.

(a) All sorting gaps must have a stiff boom on each side.

(b) The banks of the log pond in the vicinity of the log haul must be reinforced to prevent caving in.

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