Forestry Tips – Safe Practices - Bucker

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TOPIC: Safe Practices—Bucker

Personal Protective Equipment

- High visibility hard hat and vest.
- Leg protection and adequate footwear.
- Hearing and eye protection.
- Protective gloves.

Safety Precautions

- Manage traffic on landings; Ensure hazardous trees are removed from landing area.
- Make sure employees are not in hazardous bucking areas.
- Stay clear of loading and skidding machines, including those moving ahead to clear a drag.
- Never look away from approaching equipment.
- Pay special attention to trees that may hang up while being skidded onto the landing.
- Never walk under a log suspended on a loader.
- If any maintenance needs to be done, choose an area away from heavily trafficked work areas to do so.

Bucking Procedures

- Ensure logs are stable before bucking.
- Never start bucking until chokers have been removed.
- Make sure logs are never partially bucked.
- Be aware that pivot points and scissor logs can become a hazard while bucking.
- Always stand on an incline on the upper side of the log when bucking. Never stand on the whip side and avoid stepping on chunks.
- Keep both legs on the opposite side of the log when limbing.
- Move to a designated safe zone when bucking is finished.

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