

SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

Travelling on Log Haul Roads

Below is a generic policy that could be incorporated into your Health & Safety Program. A company can certainly add information to this to make it more specific to their operations, jobsite and include other hazards, such as:

- use of personal vehicles to and from camp or jobsite
- authorization to drive company vehicles
- class of license and training required to drive various company vehicles
- special procedures and safety checks
- reporting vehicle operating and safety defects
- loading and unloading vehicles
- safety and emergency equipment, including first aid kits
- procedures in case of an incident
- penalties for reckless driving or infractions of company policies

Discuss the policy in detail with employees and answer questions if there is any confusion regarding its applications.

~ Safety is everyone's responsibility ~

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING

When driving a company vehicle or a private vehicle on bush roads, it is important that you are prepared for unexpected driving hazards. Always be on guard for slow moving vehicles such as graders and sand trucks. Obey all driving rules as outlined in the Highway Traffic Act.

SPEED LIMITS

Keep to the right hand side of the road and always drive according to road and weather conditions. The maximum speed limits on main roads are posted. This limit should never be surpassed and reduced speed will be required when road conditions do not permit vehicle to travel at maximum speed. Road signs have been erected to warn the driver that they are approaching a one-lane bridge, blind curves, steep hills, etc.

COMMUNICATION

When driving on company roads, it is important to communicate your position on the road to others who are also travelling. You are required to call your road position (mileage sign and road name) frequently, as specified in your company standards. Be courteous and brief on the radio since casual conversation presents a safety hazard. Obscene language will not be tolerated. It is also a best practice to advise others when vehicles without radio communications are travelling on bush roads. Please also refer to our ***Communications on Forest Access Roads*** Information Bulletin.

SHARING THE ROAD

At all times, a loaded haul truck has the right of way. All other vehicles must pull over and stop in a safe place to ensure that the haul truck can pass by safely. Once a vehicle has pulled over, the driver must advise the haul truck that they are stopped in a safe place and communication their position.

SEAT BELTS

The use of seat belts on bush roads is mandatory. Ensure that the seat belts in the vehicle are in good working order and that all passengers are buckled in.

PASSING EQUIPMENT AT ROADSIDE

When you approach heavy equipment that is working at roadside, come to a stop at least two hundred feet (200') back from the machine. To ensure that you pass safely, make sure you get the attention of the operator and that machine movement has stopped and all attachments are lowered. Always make sure you establish eye contact with the operator and that the operator signals it is safe to pass. If you are equipped with a radio, make contact and wait until the operator advises you that it is safe to proceed.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INCIDENTS

Any accident or incident involving vehicles must be reported to a supervisor immediately, whether or not there is apparent physical damage to any vehicle or injury to any person. The supervisor and/or the JHSC is responsible to document the accident/incident and follow-up to help reduce the possibility of a reoccurrence.

WOOD HAUL CHECKPOINT POLICY

All loaded wood haul trucks are required to stop at the designated checkpoint. The driver must circle check the truck and trailer for any potential safety hazards. This includes tightening cables to ensure that the load is secure.

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____