

SAFETY BULLETIN

FOREST PRODUCT HAULAGE

WORK AT HEIGHT 2005 (UPDATE MAY 2020)



Further to the bulletin issued in Oct 19

Core guidance and background resources on this topic remain as :

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/fallsfromvehicles/index.htm> <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg401.pdf>

Receivers of timber should ensure their Risk Assessments / work procedures are compliant. Most commonly this will be through the provision of gantries and platforms in timber yards to allow access for safe sweeping off.

The FISA Forest Haulage Working group have been specifically reviewing Work at Height in relation to flat HGV trailers, in particular where drivers have to erect / disassemble bolster pins in the forest.



A video of solutions developed by WG members can be seen at:

<https://youtu.be/9loDXltrY8w>

Development of a simple set up of a correctly tensioned centre strap, whereby the operator can clip in using a harness is supported by HSE.

Recommendations include:

- Any system should be reviewed against COP BS8437
- The centre strap meets BS EN 795 and is printed as a 'Fall arrest only' strap
- Consider use of tension indicators on the ratchet system
- Operator work positioning belts and lanyards designed to prevent a driver reaching the edge of a trailer should meet with EN 358.

Advice and help on these systems can be found at:

<http://jdescotland.com>

www.freightsecuring.com

www.arinsdale.com