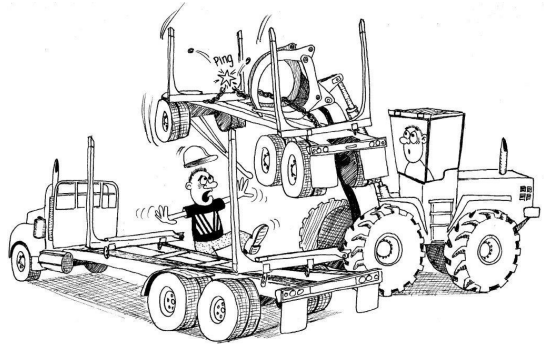


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Trailer Lifting:

The trailer lifting chain certification has been going now for 3 months.

To date 60% of operators have completed the checklist. The Council has been informed that most Port Companies will be undertaking audits in September to ensure compliance by 1 October.



A copy of the checklist is available on the LTSC webpage (www.logtruck.co.nz)

The sticker is valid for 12 months and the 2015 year will commence 1 June, with the 2016 year starting March 2016.

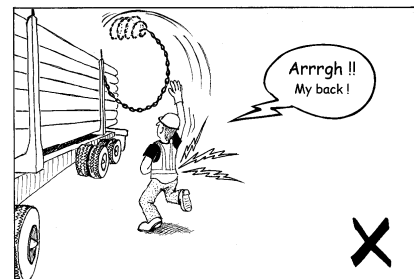
This March timetable has been agreed too, to allow transport operators to get their lifting chains checked over the Xmas period – and address issues of supply of rated chain and other accessories.

In the meantime and once Certified – a reminder that the Code requires daily and weekly checks are being done by driving staff and any faults remedied as they arise.

Chain throwing options:

At the recent LTSC Council meeting the topic of repeated throwing chains over loads and the resultant neck shoulder and back injuries was again discussed

The Council has decided to investigate and evaluate best possible options for getting chain over loads – that are both practical and cost effective.



A \$15,000 prize pool to be paid out in a series of cash prizes for best ideas for anyone who can develop/ design a system for getting chains over a load

If you or any of your staff have a good idea then please contact the LTSC Secretary.

The Exec will decide the winners and award the money by mid December 2015

Get your thinking caps on and enter!!

Training Pathway:

The LTSC has received 30 plus application for Gold awards, these will be available for presentation to drivers from late August.

The LTSC is planning to get some positive media coverage when the first certificates are going to be presented.

2 new assessors have been approved by the Council (Nelson and Northland) with 1 application due shortly.

LTSC Website:

Our website is back up and running, go and have a look, it has been completely rebuilt and has some very good information available for operators to use.

Apps:

The LTSC has just completed 2 new apps that are available to transport operators

1. An Incident reporting one where the driver can log an incident that will be sent back to his/her Company office and Forestry Company if needed,
2. The 2nd app is an incab assessment app, which is modeled on the new LTSC Training Pathway. Company trainers can use this as they undertake driver assessments, meaning the major paperwork is completed once the driving assessment has been finished,

Both of these are also available on smart phone devices.

Load Tensioners:

The delivery of the new LTSC load tensioners have arrived and are available for purchase. The cost of these tensioners is \$31.00 each plus GST plus any freight costs from Tokoroa or Christchurch.

The LTSC has placed a number of these load tensioners in Christchurch to make transport costs in the South Island cheaper.

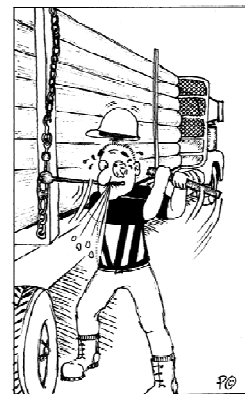
Please contact the Secretary to place your order; they are packaged in boxes of 5.

Pipe for twitch Bars?!

There has been a couple of incidents of late where incorrect extension bars are being used or bars have broken?

The LTSC strongly recommends that operators remove these bars from their operation as there are various types of load tensioners on the market that do not require the bars.

The LTSC has been advised that when a driver uses the bar on a twitch it exceeds the manufacture rating of the twitch.



Fit for Road program:

The Northland program is going well; once this program has been completed the LTSC will undertake a review of the program in light of the LTSC failing to get any future ACC funding for the program.

Also attached is the month one newsletter for the current program.

Rollover data:

For the last 10 years or so the LTSC has collected rollover data on a no name, no shame basis

This data is vital for the Industry as we work to find safe & cost effective way of doing our job.

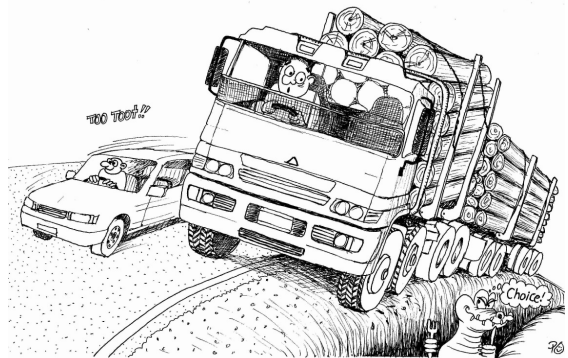
The Council has decided that we should make a concerted effort to collect all the Rollover data in a concerted effort to update latest info since January 2015.

The LTSC rollover incident report form is available from the Secretary – or on the LTSC website - please forward any details you may have to the Secretary - remembering it is received on a no name no blame basis.

DON'T PULLOVER TO ROLLOVER

Anything you can do to double bunk trailer loads

- will help keep the trailer low and on its feet when you need it most!



IRIS database:

The Council has developed a new incident database (an off shoot of the Forest Owners IRIS database) which has been modified to reflect the business of a log transport operator.

ACC has approved the database as a system that is approved for any ACC auditing.

If you would like more details how this can be used in your business please contact the Secretary or check the link on the LTSC webpage (www.logtruck.co.nz).

The beauty of this system is that you can benchmark your incidents against Industry average or by region.

Share the Road program:

This program has been successfully run in Northland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty over the last 3 years or so, the Industry is now getting request to expand the program around New Zealand. The Forest owners have allocated money in their Transportation budget to cover training costs for a facilitator in new areas around the Country.

The program is been delivered to rural schools that have seen an increase in heavy vehicle use and the program teaches students how to be safe and be seen around these vehicles, the LTSC also sponsors part of the program. If you would like more information on the program, please contact the Secretary.



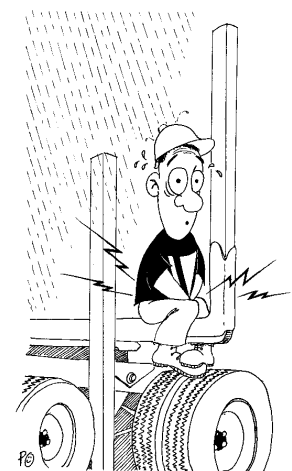
SLIP / TRIP / FALL

The Council was shown some very ugly video of a Driver falling from his truck chassis during truck setup.

Crashing down suddenly -with serious harm injury

- An older guy, In intense pain,
- helped by his mates as he tried to get himself together
- with resultant significant time off

A reminder of unintended consequences – that in making some changes – the task gets changed and staff may then be exposed to other risks.



Put pins in to be load height compliant – but then exposed to fall injury?!

Heavy lifting chains – need to climb up and unhook at gantry – Slip / Fall?!

ACOP log transport / Practice guide – log Transportation

A review of the ACOP and LTSC communications booklets and guidelines will be undertaken

During which some of the “Guides” and directives that have been put into play over the last 15 years will be revisited – to be in a clear and pragmatic users guide for all involved in log transportation

Key information that needs to be revisited and communicated around:

- High Mass loads on highway
- Electronic Stability performance and Driving techniques in off highway and incident situations
- Load Security / Load height guides

Have a look at the following Aussie example of a log truck guide – tell the Secretary what you think

- **Good idea?,**
- **Easy read?**
- **Needs to have stuff added to?,**
- **Needs stuff taken out???**

http://www.forestworks.com.au/images/ISC_Skills_Standards/ISC_find_a_resource/2014.LogHaulageManual/2014.LogHaulageManual.Web.pdf

**“... See Dad
- The long low ones don’t fall over!”**



LTSC AGM:

At the recent LTSC AGM the following were elected to the Exec and Council:

LTSC Executive:

Chairman is Warwick Wilshier from Williams and Wilshier Ltd based in the Central North Island, other Exec members are: Martin Hyde (RFH Rotorua), Bryan Smith (Self Loader Logging Taupo), Daron Turner (Smith and Davies Whangarei), Mark McCarthy (McCarthy Transport Wanganui), Glenn Heybourn (Nelson), Chris Bailey (Hancock Forest Management, Tokoroa) and Mike Spiers (P F Olsen Ltd Rotorua).

LTSC Council:

Warwick Wilshier	Williams and Wilshier Ltd	Rotorua (Chairman)
Mark Mc McCarthy	McCarthy Transport	Wanganui
Alan Forbes	Alan Forbes Transport Ltd	Tokoroa
Duncan Borlase	Borlase Transport Ltd	Nelson
Glen Heybourn	Heavy Trucks	Nelson
Campbell Gilmour	Dunedin Carrying Co Ltd	Christchurch
Martin Hyde	Rotorua Forest Haulage Ltd	Rotorua
Bryan Smith	Self Loader Logging Ltd	Taupo
Sean Sparksman	Mangonui Haulage Ltd	Mangonui
Daron Turner	Smith and Davies Ltd	Whangarei
Craig Stokes	Stokes Transport Ltd	Whangarei
Sam Sinclair	Holmes Group	Rotorua
Gordon Dahm	Rob Dahm Ltd	Tokoroa
Chris Campbell	Waimea Contract Carriers	Nelson
Steve McDougall	McCarthy Transport Ltd	Wanganui
Tony Pye	Tony Pye Contract Carriers	Napier

At the AGM it was agreed that the 2015/16 annual subscriptions would stay at the current levels:

Transport operators	1 to 24 trucks	\$110 plus GST per truck
Owner Drivers		\$110 plus GST per truck
Fleets over 25 trucks		\$2750 plus GST
Trailer Manufacturers		\$550 plus GST
Associate members		\$275 plus GST

To date we have had a good response from operators in paying their subscription, thank you

Email vs. Snail mail

If you have an e-mail address and you received this newsletter by the slow postal mail system, could you please advise the Secretary your e-mail address so newsletters etc. can be forwarded by this method going forward?

This is cost effective option for the Council.

Secretary's e-mail address is: ltsc@logtruck.co.nz