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SAFETY ALERT

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DRIVER NOT WEARING SEATBELT INJURED IN TRUCK ROLLOVER



What Happened: A loaded stems truck suffered a mechanical malfunction causing the compensator and pole to detach. The unsteered trailer veered to the left, pulling the truck off the road and rolling the truck over. The driver, who was unrestrained, was ejected from the driver's seat and fell backwards to passengers side landing on the left hand door.

Outcome: The driver suffered a partial amputation of the left ear, fractured spine, fractured left shoulder blade, several broken ribs (front and back) and a broken sternum.

Recovery time: At least 3 months.

Learnings: This incident had the potential to cause permanent injury or death. Wearing a seatbelt is mandatory in all forests and on all roads. Seatbelts are designed to minimise injury and increase survivability. Incorrect or non-use of seatbelts greatly increases the risk of harm to the occupant/s and causes emotional distress to family, friends & work mates.

Think Safe Work Safe Be Safe