

Steep slope logging checklist

Date _____ Location _____
 Firm/employer _____ Cutting permit _____
 Licensee/owner _____ Owner/operator _____

When it comes to creating a safe workplace, we all have responsibilities. Safety requires a group effort and cooperation from the whole team, including owners, employers, supervisors and workers.

Below is a safety checklist to use when assessing compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (OHSR) and the *Workers Compensation Act* (the Act) at steep slope operations.

Owner responsibilities — the owner must:

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	119(b) Provide all of the known information to the prime contractor so they can eliminate or control steep slope hazards (e.g., maps with slopes and related information).
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(1) Conduct and plan for steep slope operations and acceptable safe work procedures that are consistent with the OHSR.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(1) Ensure steep slope plans have been reviewed and acknowledged, and that a system is in place to ensure compliance.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(3)(a) Identify conditions and activities that are associated with known or foreseeable risks to workers.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(3)(b) and (c) Conduct and document advance planning for the work.

Prime contractor responsibilities — the prime contractor must

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	118(2)(a) and (b) Establish and maintain a system to ensure compliance with the Act and OHSR, and coordinate health and safety at the workplace.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(2) Conduct and plan for steep slope operations that are consistent and compliant with the OHSR.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(2) Ensure acceptable safe work procedures are in place that meet guideline requirements.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(3)(a) Identify conditions and activities that are associated with known or foreseeable risks to workers.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(3)(b) and (c) Ensure advance planning has been conducted and documented for the work.

Employer responsibilities — the employer must:

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	115(1)(a) Ensure the health and safety of your workers as well as the other workers onsite.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	115(2)(e) and 26.3(1) Adequately instruct, train, and supervise workers in steep slope operations.

Supervisor responsibilities — the supervisor must:

<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	117(1)(a) Actively supervise and monitor steep slope operations
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	16.6 Not knowingly allow a worker to operate mobile equipment in a way that could create an undue hazard.

Operator (worker) responsibilities — the operator (worker) must

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	116(2)(a) Follow acceptable safe work procedures.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	116(2)(e) (ii) Report any hazards encountered to the supervisor.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	3.12(1) Stop work if the plan uncovers any high risk issues (e.g., the machine slips down the hill or equipment is being pulled with attachments).
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	16.5 Operate the mobile equipment safely.

The use of rubber-tired skidders

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	26.16(2) If the manufacturer's maximum operating limit is known, ensure the equipment is operated within that limit.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(3)(b) If the manufacturer's limit is unknown, ensure the equipment is not operating beyond 35 percent.
If the limits are being exceeded, ensure:	
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(a) A risk assessment has been carried out by a qualified person and
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(b) Acceptable, written safe work practices regarding equipment stability are developed and followed (see Guideline 26.16).

The use of tracked equipment

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	26.16(2) If the manufacturer's maximum operating limit is known, ensure the equipment is operated within that limit.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(3)(b) If manufacturer's limit is unknown, ensure the equipment is not operating beyond 40 percent.
If the limits are being exceeded, ensure:	
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(a) A risk assessment has been carried out by a qualified person and
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(b) Acceptable, written safe work practices regarding equipment stability are developed and followed (see Guideline 26.16).

The use of other steep slope equipment

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	26.16(2) If the manufacturer's maximum operating limit is known, ensure the equipment is operated within that limit.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(3)(b) If manufacturer's limit is unknown, ensure the equipment is not operating beyond 50 percent.
If the limits are being exceeded, ensure:	
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(a) A risk assessment has been carried out by a qualified person and
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(b) Acceptable, written safe work practices regarding equipment stability are developed and followed (see Guideline 26.16).

Risk assessment and plan (for operations exceeding limits) — the employer must:

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	26.16(4)(a) Ensure the risk assessment has been completed by a qualified person.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.16(4)(b) Ensure acceptable safe work procedures regarding equipment stability are written, in place, and followed.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2(4)(b) If there is evidence the plan is not working (e.g., track slippage or the machine pulling itself up the hill), amend the plan as appropriate for the risk, and/or stop work if warranted.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.3(1) Ensure workers are trained in the safe work procedures.

Emergency response — the employer must:

<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a	3.17 Have adequate first aid procedures in place for the site.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	4.21 Have appropriate procedures for workers working alone or in isolation.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	26.2 Include in their planning provisions for emergency response.
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	4.14(3) Test and document their emergency response plan.