



# ENTERING AND EXITING

## COMMUNICATION

**RADIO COMMUNICATION:** Drivers need to use radios to communicate with equipment operators and other drivers when entering and exiting mills, wood roads and landing zones. Designated channels for communication are displayed on signs when entering mills and wood roads. It is important to check your radios prior to going into one of these areas to ensure you will be able to communicate when needed.

**CELL PHONES:** In the South cell phones can be used to perform this task, where in the North CB radios are more frequently used for communication.

**MILE MARKERS:** When coming to a mile marker a driver needs to use the radio to communicate what mile marker they are at.

**BACKING UP:** Communication is also needed when a driver is backing up to be loaded. The equipment operator of the loading machine will need to communicate with the driver on the radio. Radio communication prevents hazards at the mill and in the woods.

## SIGNALS

**TURN SIGNALS:** Drivers must use their turn signals when entering and exiting wood roads and mills. The speed at which you are traveling will determine when you will need to use your turn signal. For instance, on the highway you will use your turn signal 500 feet prior to the turn. If in town or on a slower road you will use your turn signal 100 feet before the turn. It is important to leave turn signals on while you are turning, and it is equally important to remember to turn off signals once the turn is executed.

**HAND SIGNALS:** Drivers will need to understand hand signals. Hand signals can be used at the Mill when unloading logs and when backing up trailers. Various hand signals occur at the mills and will be included in the mill's safety and qualification packages for wood suppliers. Often when CB radios and other devices are not working properly, equipment operators and drivers must resort to using hand signals. If someone is directing you with hand signals, always keep them in sight. If you lose sight of the hand signaler, stop moving immediately.

## SPEED

Speeding on wood roads and at mills can cause fatal accidents. For the safety of yourself and those working around you, follow posted speed limit signs. Drivers need to be prepared to stop at any given time. There are multiple hazards when entering mills and wood roads. These include hills, curves, pedestrians, crew members, equipment, trains, and poor road conditions. Drivers can prevent unnecessary accidents by following posted speeds, being prepared to stop, being prepared to pull over and being aware of the public.

## CHECKING YOUR LOAD

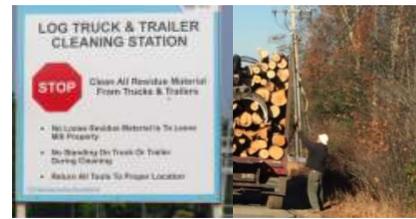
**WHAT TO LOOK FOR:** When entering or exiting a mill or wood road it is important to check your load. Before exiting you want to ensure your load is tight, properly loaded, load securement devices are inspected, the load is secured, overhang doesn't exceed max length, ensure lights are visible, and flags are placed at the end of the load. When entering a mill, it is important to stop at the gate to get a pass, stop at the scale house, and weigh your load. When you're exiting the mill, it is important to weigh out the truck and trailer.

## CLEARING DEBRIS

**AFTER UNLOADING YOUR LOAD:** Before leaving it is important to ensure you are not going to cause an accident from debris flying off your trailer, rig, or load. Mills have designated areas for clearing debris from the rig. Check with the scale house to see where this area is located.

**AFTER YOU ARE LOADED:** Once you are loaded, you will want to trim branches and limbs that are sticking out. Take a good look at your overhang to see if it's within your limits and check your lights to see if they are visible. If your lights are not visible, you will want to trim the length of your load. It is against the law to obscure rear trailer lights or to have longer than legal loads. Prior to exiting a landing zone and entering a public roadway, a driver needs to remove and clean debris from the rig's tires and light.

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## STOWING YOUR GEAR

AFTER UNLOADING YOUR LOAD: Load securement devices are important tools used to secure your load. It is important when you have unbound your load that you ensure these tools are safely stored on your rig. When traveling without a load, make sure binders, chains, cables, straps, and other equipment are properly secured and stored.

## SAFETY TIPS

ENTERING AND EXITING REMINDERS: Here are some safety tips to remember when you are exiting and entering mills, landing zones, and wood roads.

TURN SIGNALS: Drivers need to use their turn signals prior to their turn, during their turn and just after they turn.

CHECK FOR TRAFFIC: Drivers need to check traffic before pulling out into traffic and stay in their proper lane of travel.

RIGHT OF WAY: Drivers need to provide right of way when necessary. Right of way is necessary for pedestrians, trains, and equipment.

ENTERING INTO TRAFFIC: Drivers need to prevent pulling out into traffic where it forces other vehicles to change speed or direction.

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