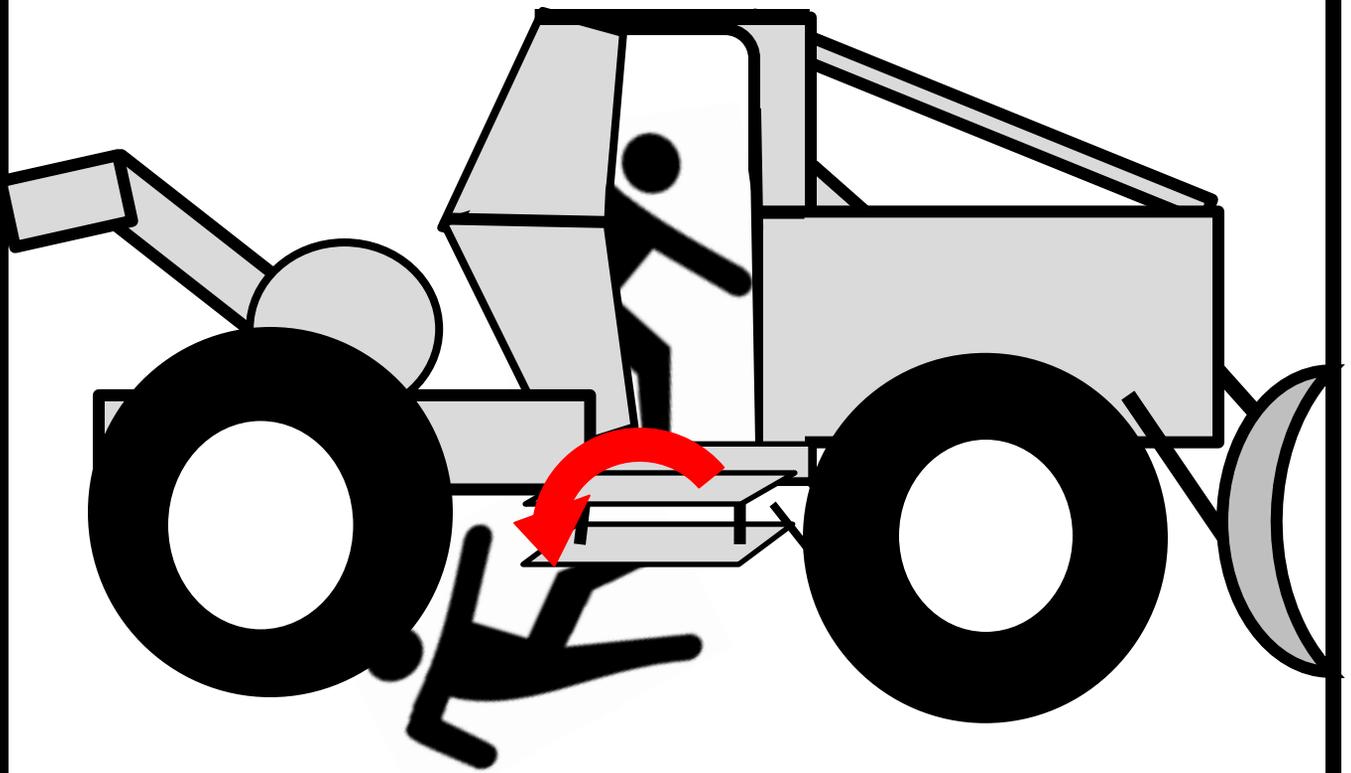


FATAL HAZARD



- **Never ride as a passenger on a machine unless it is designed for passengers**
- **Develop formal training for mobile machinery operators**

Logging worker killed while riding on step of skidder

INSTRUCTIONS: Hold the guide with this side facing you and the other side facing your crew. Then read the story.

Our safety talk today is about an 18 year-old logger who was killed when he fell off a moving skidder. He was riding as a passenger on an access step outside the cab. He was holding onto handrails on the door and rear of the cab for support. The skidder was running in second gear at half throttle on nearly level ground. The operator and passenger were talking during the ride. When the passenger did not respond the operator stopped to look and found the victim lying in the road behind him who had been crushed by the right rear wheel.



So here are some ways we can prevent something like this from happening where we work.

- Never ride as a passenger on a machine unless an appropriate seat and operator restraint system is available
- Management or I should develop a formal training process for operators of all mobile machinery.
- Management or I need to evaluate operators regularly to make sure everyone is following safety regulations, and that workers are properly trained to safely operate equipment.

ASK: “Does anyone have more ideas or comments to share?”

Pause for discussion. Then see if there are ways to take action.

END WITH ACTION PLAN (ideas for what to ask or say).

- “What mobile equipment on site are designed to have passengers?”
- “How can we improve equipment operator training?”
- Discuss a similar or other potential hazard.
- Express your commitment to training mobile equipment operators and to follow-up with an evaluation.
- Commit to follow-up at the next safety talk.