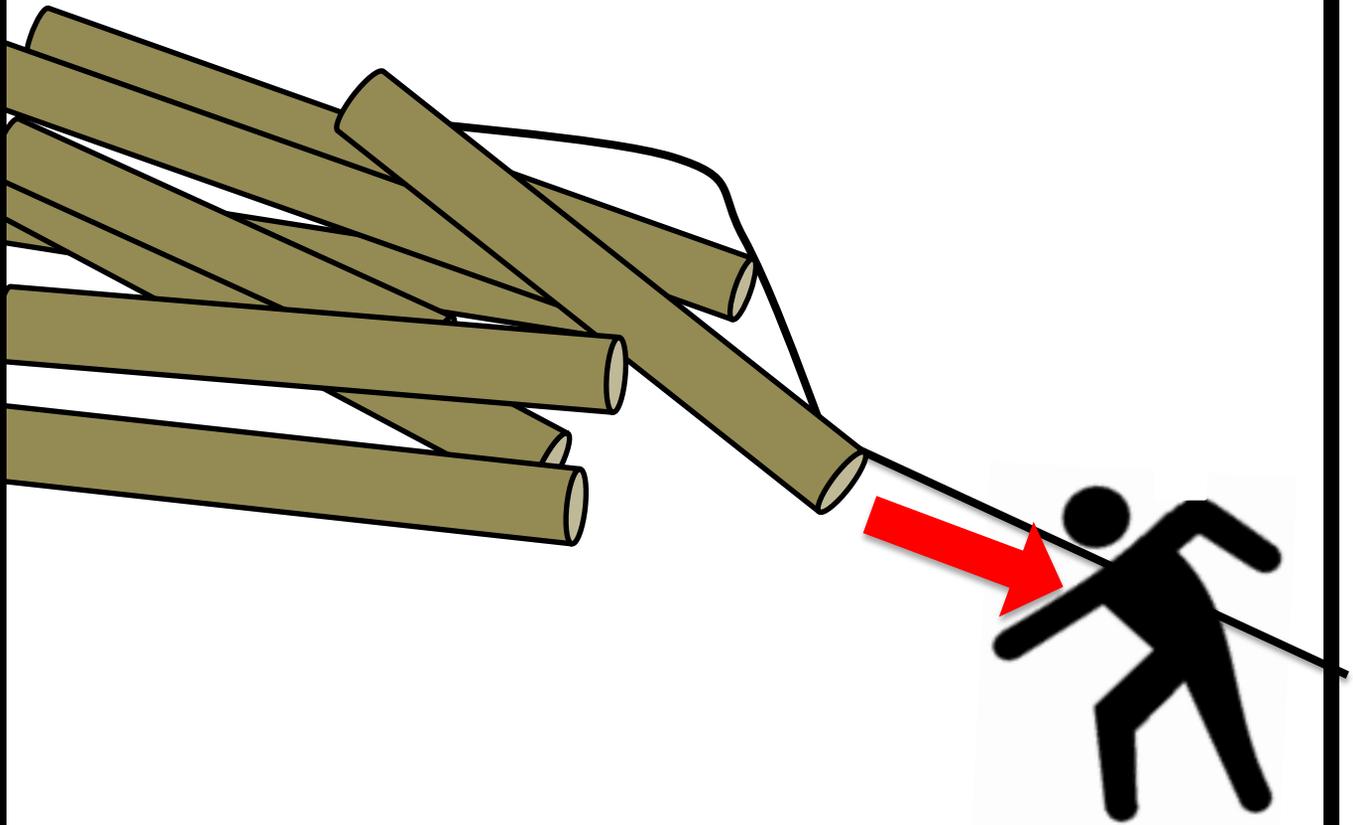


FATAL HAZARD



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Logger killed by 41-foot pole sliding down steep hill

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 a 21-year-old logger working as a choker setter in a yarding operation who was killed by a pole sliding down the hillside from above. The rigging crew had just hooked a turn on logs to a skyline cable, and moved to the landing. While the turn was heading uphill, a narrow 41-foot-long pole with a sharp end came sliding downhill toward the crew. The pole narrowly missed the rigging slinger. The choker setter was struck and impaled by the pole, and was carried about 27 feet downhill.



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

- On hillsides, stay alert for loose objects.
- Make sure that landing area is large enough to keep logs from rolling or sliding back downhill.
- Make sure that workers on the landing can communicate with the rigging crew.
- Make sure inexperienced personnel are trained and supervised.

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).

- “Are there times we see a situation but not communicate it to others who may be in danger?”
- “Has anyone worked where the landing area was poorly planned and may have caused an incident?”
- Express your commitment to training people on communication between ground and landing site workers and that inexperienced personnel will be closely supervised.
- Commit to follow-up at the next safety talk.