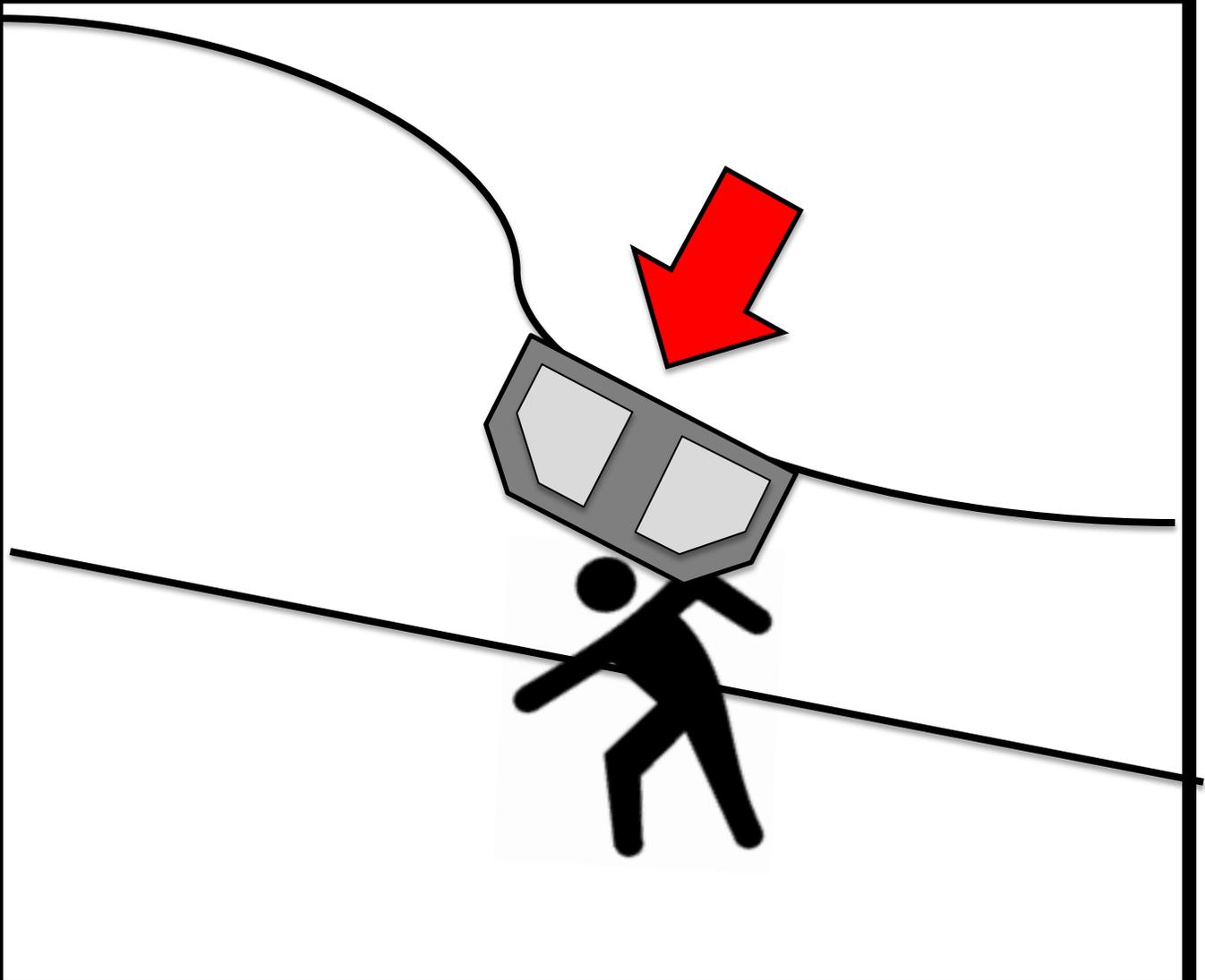


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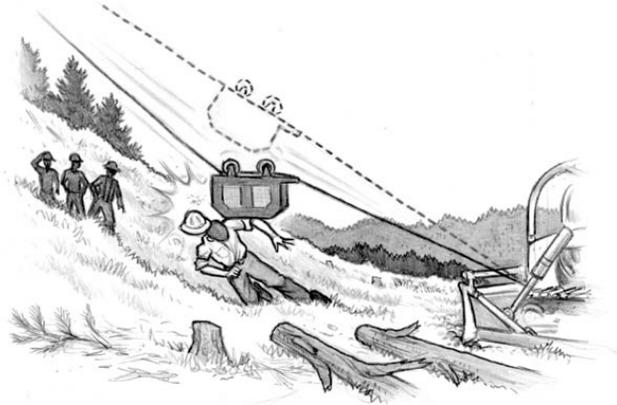


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Logger Killed Under Rigging When Carriage Drops

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 45-year-old logger, working as a chokersetter, who died after being crushed by a skyline carriage. The victim was new to logging. The victim was 1 week on the job and working under supervision. The carriage was coming down the skyline, and as soon as the stop whistle sounded, the victim rushed to grab the chokers under the carriage. Another employee was setting the mainline brake when the line suddenly slacked. The carriage dropped on the victim and he died instantly. The medical examiner reported the victim's blood alcohol level at 0.02.



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

- Make sure that machine anchors are rigged correctly and rechecked for stability.
- Remove rigging hang-ups. A hung-up line is the most common reason for a sudden drop, when the weight of the line breaks the obstruction.
- Stay clear of lines and chokers until movement has stopped. The rigging crew must not approach the rigging until the carriage is stopped.
- Management or I must closely supervise new workers to make sure that they are safely performing their work duties.
- Be aware of the effects of alcohol even many hours after consumption.

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

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

- “Are there any operations we do that might cause us to take risks such as getting under a suspended load to speed up the task?”
- “How can we improve the safety of eager new employees?”
- “What do you all do if you suspect that a person may be intoxicated?”
- Discuss a similar situation at your current site.
- Express your commitment to train people on rigging hazards and when to approach the rigging.
- Commit to follow-up at the next safety talk.