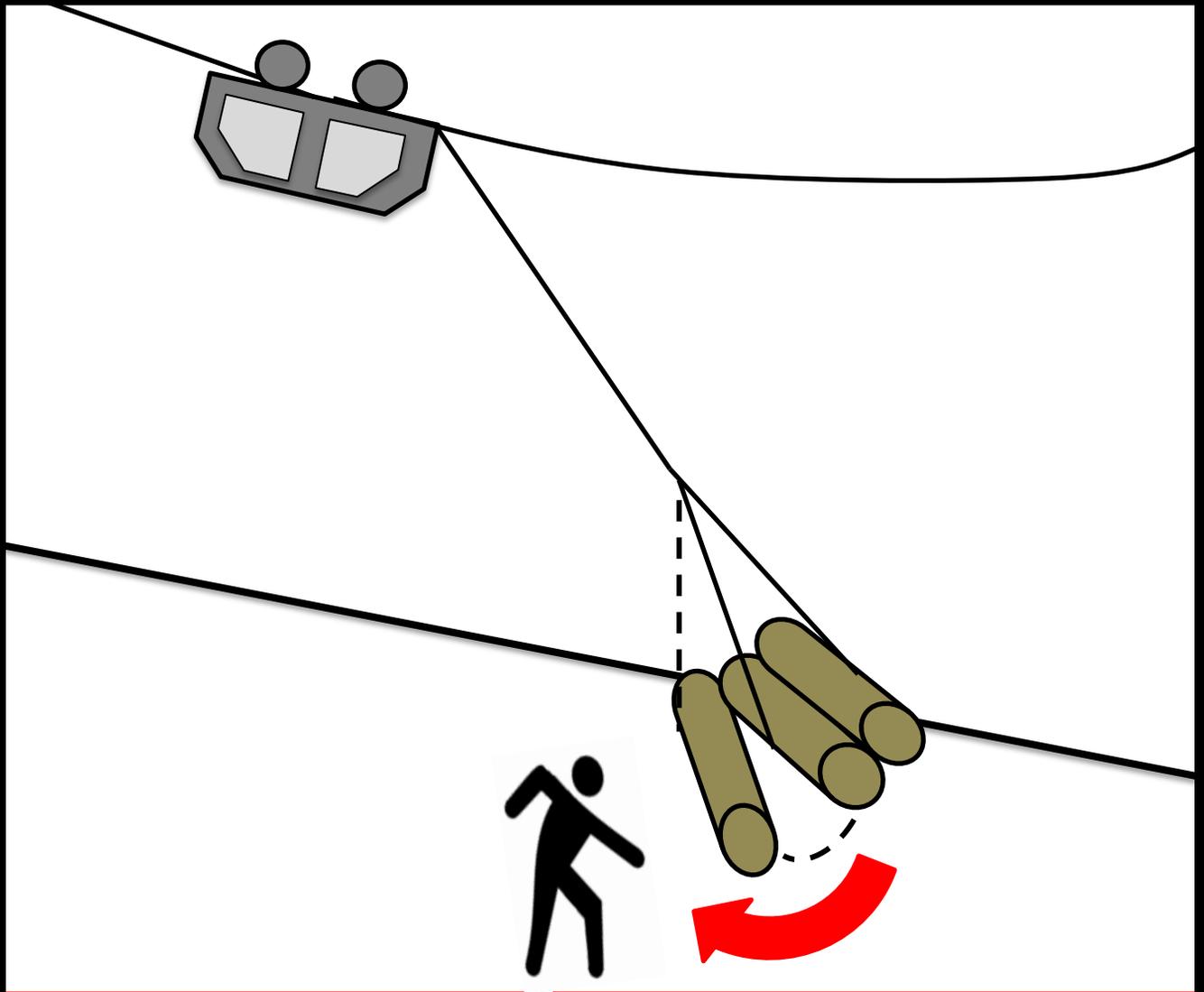


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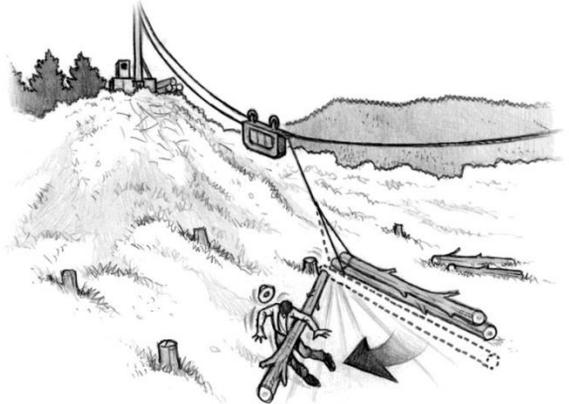


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Rigging slinger killed by swinging log in yarding turn

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

A 30-year-old logger, working as a rigging slinger in a yarding operation, was killed when he was struck by a swinging log in a moving turn. He was setting chokers out in front of the turn when the choker setter working with him was ready to send a turn to the landing. He told the choker setter to signal to go ahead on the turn, though he was still out front, within 15-25 feet of the turn. As the turn moved, the end of a 37-foot log dug into a bank, and swung into the air and crashed down on the rigging slinger.



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

- Get in the clear before any lines are moved
- Follow-up on training and supervision for safe practices, even with experienced workers

**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).

- “Can anyone describe what it means to be “in the clear”? Or the safest location when a turn moves?”
- “How can an unsafe work habit be passed on to less experienced workers?”
- Discuss what could lead to a similar situation at your current site.
- Express your commitment to supervising and enforcing safety rules for both experienced and inexperienced workers.
- Commit to follow-up at the next safety talk.