

# Logging Serious Harm Accidents

## 1 July 1997 - 30 June 1998

The table below summarises the 96 serious harm accidents notified to OSH for the year ending 30 June 1998. ACC figures indicate that the notification of serious harm as required by the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations is falling far short of an acceptable level. The current level is about 20%.

ACTIVITY		CAUSE	
Felling	23	Hit by falling object	13
Trimming	10	Hit by moving object	33
Crosscutting	4	Hit object	8
Breaking out	14	Contact object carried	4
Hauling	3	Slip/slide/trip/fall	18
Skid work	14	Lifting/stretching	2
Loading/unloading	8	Collapse of stack	1
Driving/operating	11	Noise	2
Maintenance	6	Subsidence	2
Logging general	2	Kickback	9
Skylark	1	Mechanical malfunction	4
EXTERNAL AGENCY		TYPE OF INJURY	
Chainsaw	16	Fracture	18
Branch	8	Dislocation	4
Log/part log	15	Sprain/strain	12
Tree/part tree	21	Internal	1
Skidder	1	Amputation	1
Loader	1	Laceration	23
Hand tool	1	Bruise/crushing	18
Rigging	13	Hearing loss	2
Vehicle	10	Burn	1
Terrain	7	Puncture	2
Rock	1	Concussion	1
Machinery general	2	Multiple	13
BODY PART			
Head	19	Back	3
Shoulder	8	Knee	1
Elbow	1	Leg	24
Arm	5	Foot	14
Hand	7	Multiple	6
Trunk	8		

Notifications over the last five years show that felling, trimming, breaking out and skid work are the four activities where the bulk of accidents take place.

In the next four *Forestry Bulletins* we will look at ways of reducing accidents in these activities.