



BEST PRACTICE

- Keep a record of any bad practice, and suspicious activity.
- The whole industry must have a zero tolerance approach to bad practice
- Carry out end-of-contract reviews
- Ensure all relevant health and safety procedures and other industry codes of practice are followed.
- Only work with professionals who adhere to the highest industry standards
- Have clear contracts, maps and agreements in place before work starts
- Use standardised contracts, standard cost sheets and clear dispatch procedures, which everyone understands and follows
- Use Chain of Custody certification – an independent annual audit of all processes and procedures



- The forestry and timber industry operates to the highest professional standards – but relies on a high level of trust
- Partnership and collaboration is a cornerstone of the industry
- Timber security is not a huge economic problem, but negative perceptions can cause enormous reputational damage

A MATTER OF TRUST

MAINTAINING VALUE

- Getting the best value from a timber crop benefits all in the supply chain
- No-one is paid until the timber is at the mill
- When payment is by wet tonnes delivered to the mill, weight can be lost through evaporation during warm dry weather.

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TIMBER SECURITY: IT'S YOUR BUSINESS





Security through the supply chain

- Co-operation and trust between all parties is crucial
- The entire supply chain must adhere to the highest professional standards
- Use standardised contracts, standard cost sheets and clear dispatch procedures, which everyone understands and follows
- Vehicle trackers can demonstrate control, supervision and location of timber haulage
- Cameras placed strategically – in loading bays and at key access points – can record vehicle movements on a harvesting site

FOREST OWNERS & MANAGERS

- Use accurate maps
- Measure the crop accurately
- Use written contracts
- Hold pre-commencement meetings
- Keep all sites as secure as possible
- Work with reputable contractors

HARVESTING MANAGERS

- Use accurate maps and measurements – whether supplied by the forest owner/manager or produced independently
- Ensure contracts and agreements are in place with all other parties
- Attend pre-commencement meetings
- Produce prompt, efficient weekly summaries for loads delivered
- Regularly assess roadside stocks
- Work with the forest owner/manager on site security

SAWMILLS AND PROCESSORS

- Put long-term supply contracts in place, with reputable producers
- Monitor weighbridge data carefully, whether using their own or third party weighbridges
- Where appropriate, use Chain of Custody certification and be able to demonstrate where the timber came from

TIMBER HAULIERS

- Insist accurate information is provided on product, location and volumes – and check it!
- Use on-board scales and vehicle trackers to provide additional assurance
- Ensure efficient, accurate use of weight tickets
- Use the same drivers and trucks when possible
- Ensure all deliveries go direct from site to mill
- Don't overload lorries

HARVESTING CONTRACTORS

- Attend pre-commencement meeting
- Check accuracy of maps and volume assessments supplied by other parties
- Keep independent records of volumes harvested – and volumes at roadside
- Check weight tickets and weekly summary sheets