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" SAFESTART" A TOOL THAT WORKS (FROM A COASTAL LOGGER'S PERSPECTIVE)

Loggers and particularly fallers (timber cutters) by nature of their work are, or become, proud, independent, creative problem solvers. On a daily basis, their survival is based on understanding and controlling a very varied and hostile environment. They are obliged, by company policy and Worker's Compensation Board regulations, to wear personal protective equipment, ie: hard hat, face shield, gloves, safety pants and caulk boots. A sharp and powerful chain saw, wedges and an axe are used on a daily basis to wage a war against a powerful, majestic and potentially deadly foe, giant coastal timber. Effective tools are his weapons of choice.

Once assigned a specific area, the faller works largely without supervision. He quickly learns applied physics, organisation and efficiency. The smoother things go, the easier it is for his body and the more production is achieved. It is not in anyone's interest, particularly his or his family's, that he gets injured or killed on the job.

The way that "Safestart" is structured and put forward respects the nature of loggers and presents them with a very valuable tool. Using the mind in an organised, effective and common sense manner to think and apply safety to all aspects of his life, both on and off the job. His rights and uniqueness as an individual are respected, and he can use this tool in a way that works for him. He takes pride in his work. Why would he resist such a valuable asset to make him a better logger?

Respectfully submitted,



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