

WAC 296-54-584 Tongs, hooks, grapples. (1) Tongs must be maintained in good condition, properly aligned and with sharp points.

(2) Tongs must not be carried by being rested on both shoulders with the tong points around the neck.

(3) When loading logs, straps of sufficient size and length must be used where there is a danger of tongs or hooks pulling out of the log.

(4) When loading logs, tongs may be used on large logs if the logs are barked and notched to ensure a secure hold.

(5) The closing line must be securely attached to the grapple according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

(6) Loading hooks and tongs must be securely attached on the loading line with screw shackles or equivalent devices.

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