

# SAFETY ALERT

## Rope Connections on Tractor Anchors

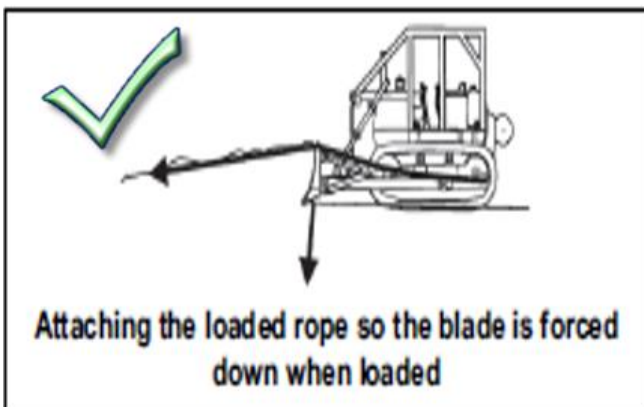


### The wrong way to connect a skyline and anchor a tractor

A properly rigged and anchored backline tractor is a useful tool in the cable logger's arsenal. There are right and wrong ways to attach working ropes to tractors. While our Forestry code of practice does not specify exactly how and where connections shall be made it does specify "connections shall be suitably engineered".

ACoP 14.6.3 Mobile Anchors. "Skyline and tailrope blocks shall be connected to suitably engineered attachment points on the Mobile Plant." "Mobile plant shall be correctly positioned with appropriate implement positioning to ensure plant stability."

"Suitably engineered" is a step further than simply welding mild steel eyes to the corners of tractor blades. The rope should be over the blade forming a bight which forces the blade into the ground when the rope weight comes on. The skyline should run over the blade under the belly pan and connect to the tractors drawbar.



### The correct way to connect a skyline system to a tractor

Check Cable Logging BPG p75 for further details