

Why Join the Virginia Loggers Association?

Protecting, Empowering, and Advancing Virginia's Logging & Forest Products Industry. Your Voice. Your Protection. Your Future.

The Challenge - The Logging Industry Faces Constant Pressure - VLA fights them for you!

- Increasing government regulations
- Rising operating costs
- Safety and legal compliance complexities
- Need for unified representation in Richmond & Washington
- Threats to biomass, transportation rules, and business viability
- Individual businesses can't fight these battles alone.

Why VLA Matters - A Powerful, Effective Voice for Loggers

For decades, VLA has protected the industry, prevented harmful legislation, and secured laws that help logging businesses survive and grow.

VLA is one unified Voice for the Industry! Serving Businesses, Creating Actions that Save Money, Protects Jobs, and Sustains!

VLA Accomplishments - Proven Results. Real Protection - Legislative & Regulatory Wins

2023: Made stolen "Loggers' Vehicle Entering Highway" signs a Class 1 misdemeanor
2023: Required all Virginia motorists to carry auto insurance
2023: Reversed the planned 2028 closure of Virginia biomass utilities
2022: Aligned state law on extended loads with federal commercial vehicle standards
2021: Added 13 counties exempting personal property tax on harvesting equipment
2021: Secured COVID-19 Logger/Hauler Relief Act payments
2020: Amended tax code to allow localities to exempt logging equipment from personal property taxes
2019: Allowed flashing amber lights on log trucks for better safety
2017: Defeated proposed water quality inspection fees
2015: Increased hauling weights to 90,000 lbs. on non-interstate highways
2014–2016: Amended Emporia ordinance to allow log trucks through the city

No other organization in Virginia delivers this level of protection for loggers!

Membership Benefits - What You Get as a VLA Member

Political Representation, Professional Protection, & Business Support!

- A strong Virginia General Assembly voice through VLA Political Action Committee
- A national voice through annual visits to Virginia's Congressional delegation
- Representation in the American Loggers Council
- General Counsel legal services from Setliff Law

- Help navigating local, state, and federal agencies
- Industry-wide advocacy at all levels
- Training in legal, business, and safety compliance
- Corporate discounts that save your business money
- Communication through newsletters, website, and Facebook

VLA represents the professionalism of loggers statewide and nationwide!

Why It Matters to Your Business - Membership = Survival + Growth - With VLA, you are not alone! VLA is a Recognized, Professional Voice Everywhere

- Protects your ability to operate
- Reduces your tax burden
- Improves safety laws that affect your crews
- Ensures sensible transportation regulations
- Strengthens the logging supply chain
- Keeps biomass, mills, and markets open
- Supports a strong legal and political defense

Who Should Join? - Anyone whose livelihood depends on Virginia's forests:

- Logging companies
- Sawmill operators
- Wood dealers
- Trucking and hauling companies
- Equipment dealers
- Foresters & timber buyers
- Supporting businesses
- If the forest industry feeds your family,
VLA protects your future.

Click the URL Code and Join VLA Today - Stronger Together - VLA gets results—in Richmond, in Washington, and in the woods. If You Prefer Paper Application and Mailing Payment Go to <https://www.valoggers.org/membership/>. Contact Ron Jenkins info@valoggers.org.

