BC **Forest Safety** Council
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FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: **Ice Creek, near Burton, BC**

Date of Incident: **June 3, 2008**

Details of Incident: **A worker was loading an ATV into the back of a pickup truck using two aluminum ramps. When the front wheels were on the pickup box the worker gave a short burst of throttle. This caused the rear wheels to kick out both ramps, leaving the ATV suspended from the tailgate by the front wheels. The worker fell to the ground and scrambled out of the way. Other than some stiffness, there were no injuries that required first aid. The worker was relatively inexperienced in ATV operations.**

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1. **Examine the ramps and improve them by adding cables or chains to restrain movement while loading.**
2. **During loading and unloading operations, try to reduce the angle of the ramps by backing up against a berm or bank.**
3. **Ensure that all field staff are aware of ATV loading procedures by reviewing correct loading and restraining techniques at the next safety meeting.**

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