

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Serious Incident – ATV Incident

In August 2020, a Woodlands employee was unloading a quad from a ¾ ton truck. The employee began reversing the quad while standing on the foot pegs and leaning forward, while applying the brakes. Once the quad was completely on the ramps, it started to tip backwards. The employee felt the quad tipping and immediately let go of the handlebars. The employee hit the ground and rolled away as the quad continued to tip over backward, landing upside down at the bottom of the ramps. This incident did not result in injury or equipment damage.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

Considerations When Unloading ATV's

1. Before unloading any quad etc., employees must ensure ramps are at an appropriate angle/slope to eliminate the unit from tipping over backwards.
2. Ensure ramps are in good condition and not bent or broken.
3. Ensure ramps are tied down properly.
4. Ensure bottom of the ramps are on a good level surface.
5. Ensure area at the bottom of the ramps is clear of debris.
6. Ensure back rack does not have a heavy load on it.
7. Test brakes before unloading to ensure they operate smoothly.

Most Important Take Away

Consider developing an ATV Unloading FLHA to assess hazards when unloading ATVs. Use the activity specific FLHA each time you load or unload ATVs from a pickup.

