

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Serious Incident - ATV Roll Over

An employee was travelling on an ATV along a deactivated road.

The ATV was travelling slowly on the road which was overgrown in spots with brush and vegetation resulting in poor visibility. The ATV's front right tire fell into a slump in the road causing the quad to roll onto its side.

The employee's leg became pinned between the ATV and a stump. They initiated the SOS button on their In-Reach device alerting the main office, RCMP and Search & Rescue. The emergency procedure was immediately put into action and the employee was airlifted via helicopter.

The Rollover Protection System (ROPS) prevented the machine from a completely rolling over. The In-Reach device and Everywhere App immediately notified emergency assistance and provided constant communication throughout the incident. The hand-held radio provided communication when assistance personnel came within range.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. Employee's should not use an ATV/UTV's without proper training instructed and signed off by a certified trainer.
2. Side-by-side or UTV-style machines will now be the priority off-road access vehicle. If no UTV is available, a Supervisor will review duties and complete a Field Level Hazard Risk Assessment with the staff member to determine risk and how to approach the task.
3. Evaluate and re-draft Risk Matrix, Policies, & SWPs regarding ATV/UTV use and working alone.
4. Develop access assessment plans to manage the risk and how to approach the task and worksite.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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