

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
“Could it happen here?”

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### Serious Incident - Skidoo Incident

An employee was operating a snowmobile to access a cutblock to perform a check on pile burning. The access roads to these cutblocks had been reclaimed so the roads are inaccessible. The employee decided to avoid the reclaimed roads and take a route through what appeared to be a clear well site.

The employee was travelling at a speed of approximately 40 km/hr. when they hit the first of three pilings hidden under fresh snow. This caused the employee to be thrown from the skidoo and extensive damage to the machine.

The employee sustained no injuries.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Whenever possible, eliminate accessing drilling sites as a route due to the possibility of hidden hazards such as abandoned well heads or pilings.
- Communicate with oilfield companies before accessing the area to get maps etc. of the layout.
- Revise the Safe Operating Procedure to add in hazards associated with well sites.
- Communicate and train all required employees on the new work procedure and process before accessing a well site.

## IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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