



Zero Fatalities
 Zero Lost Time
 Zero Road/Speed Incidents
 Zero Environmental Incidents
 Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 13

Date: 24 April 2019 (onwards)	Focus Group: Quad (SxS) Operators
Topic: Overloading; Loss of Control	Issued by: Nic Steens

Incident: A Can-Am side by side (SxS/Quad), loaded with 35 bags (150kg) of seedlings, entered a cut-out (post-harvest water control) on a 22° track. As the operator exited the cut-out, he applied acceleration. This caused the front wheels to rise off the ground and the vehicle to roll over backwards before landing again on its wheels.

Injury Details: The passenger undid his seat belt and jumped out. The operator, who was strapped in, received grazes and a deep bruise to his right bicep.

Risk Awareness: Operators can easily lose control following a collision with an object, encountering adverse ground conditions, or a sudden shift in centre of gravity (CoG).

Safe Behaviour: A key factor for safe operation is [understanding the capabilities](#) of the operator and the vehicle and how conditions can dramatically impact on both.

- (1) Mark (on a map) the tracks that may be ridden and the 'no-go' zones.
- (2) Encourage riders to adopt a 'safety first' and 'speed appropriate' riding style.
- (3) Don't overload the machine altering its CoG – see the manufacturer's guidelines.
- (4) Take a few minutes to correct the track e.g. filling a hole, cutting back vegetation.
- (5) Wear an approved helmet and [stay belted-in](#) to avoid being struck or pinned.

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1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board or in the safety file

Site Manager: _____
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Date: / /