



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



# PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 21

**Date:** 11 September 2019

**Focus Group:** ATV Quad Operators

**Topic:** Safe Use of ATV Quad Bikes

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**Incident:** An operator was using a Quad Bike, climbing out of a steep incline on a back-line track, when it lifted in the front and rolled over on top of him. He was able to right the bike and continue to the landing. The crew then transported him to hospital.

**Injury Details:** The operator was x-rayed, treated for bruising and discharged – LTI.

**Risk Awareness:** Steep tracks require active riding and a high level of operator skill. In some cases, tracks are too steep or changing conditions make them unsafe to ride on. Operating on such tracks risks a roll-over, which could result in serious injury or death!

**Safe Behaviours:** The use of ATV, Quad Bikes (and LUV) expose operators to a regulated risk, namely ‘falling object’. The risk management options are (1) elimination i.e. don’t use them, or (2) minimisation i.e. use them with controls in place. Controls, which are also detailed in the [PF Olsen Safe Op](#), include:

1. Identifying safe/unsafe tracks – a job for both Contractor and Forest Manager.
2. Operator training – better still using the most experienced operators.

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Yes or No (circle one)

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1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
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