



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



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 22

Date: 16 September 2019	Focus Group: LUV Operators
Topic: Safe Use of Light Utility Vehicles	Issued by: Nic Steens

Incident: A 6-seater side by side (Can Am Defender) with a single operator and a load of empty boxes was returning down a ridge track. The untrained operator missed a section of the track and unable to control the vehicle, it rolled forward into a hole before tipping, rolling twice and ending up in a creek.

Injury Details: The operator was wearing a seatbelt and helmet and was not injured.

Risk Awareness: Light Utility Vehicles (LUV), especially the larger 6-seaters, require a high level of training and skill. For example, they do not have a hand brake to use for hill starts. Untrained operators, in tricky situations, risk serious harm or death!

Safe Behaviours: The use of LUV exposes operators to risks that call for detailed assessment, monitoring and supervision. The hierarchy of controls, which are detailed in the [PF Olsen Safe Op](#), are jointly put in place by the PCBU’s (Contractors and the Forest Manager) to keep everyone safe. Among the more important controls is operator training – and absolutely no one should attempt to operate an ATV or LUV without qualifications and experience. Also, those in charge of worksites must ensure the rules are followed, reminding workers of these and ensuring close supervision.

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Site Manager: _____ **Date:** / /
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