

FATAL ALERT

On July 17, 2015, an employee (weed sprayer) working for a Commercial Spraying Company, was fatally injured when he rolled his four wheeler on top of himself and could not escape. It is unclear as to the exact details of what caused the crash, as there were no witnesses. Just prior to the time of the incident, the worker involved in the incident directed two other employees working at the location, to go spray another location on site. The other location was some distance away and when the worker rolled the ATV, no one was available to help him.

Significant Factors

- Inadequate Safety Culture
- There was no formal training provided to the worker relating to proper All-Terrain Vehicle operation.
- There appeared to be Operator Error during the use of the All-Terrain Vehicle.
- The worker was working alone in a remote location.
- Inadequate Personal protective equipment, no helmet was being worn.
- There was a rough terrain environment.
- There were inexperienced Seasonal Workers

Recommendations

- Brief all employees on the facts and circumstances of this incident.
- Provide specific training to employees that operate All-Terrain Vehicle
- Implement and ensure enforcement of a Comprehensive Health and Safety Program.
- Ensure a Personal Protective Equipment Hazard Assessment is accomplished and documented.
- Ensure employees who operate All-Terrain Vehicle have and use protective headgear.
- Implement procedures that do not allow employees to work alone in remote locations.