

Operation Of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's)

Several workers have been seriously injured or killed while operating all terrain vehicles (ATV's) on the job. Most of these injuries and deaths were caused by excessive speed, "hot dogging" or lack of experience in handling ATV's. The severity of some of the accidents was increased by the lack of helmets and not having a radio to obtain help in isolated locations.

Employers & Supervisors

- Ensure employees have been trained on ATV use, with emphasis on safely climbing steep hills.
- Ensure reasonable checks are made for employees in isolated locations.
- Ensure a properly fitted helmet is supplied and proper instruction regarding its use is given.

Workers

- Wear your helmet when operating an ATV. Even slow speed rollovers have killed operators.
- Drive slowly on difficult trails and terrain.
- Stop vehicle when looking beside or behind for survey markers or chains.

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