

# PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 58

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| <b>Date:</b> June 2023         | <b>Focus Group:</b> ATV and 4WD Operators |
| <b>Topic:</b> Track Assessment | <b>Issued by:</b> Nic Steens              |

**Background and Incident:** Driving a 6 seater LUV (the ATV), carrying out a pre-plant spray operation the crew came upon a wash-out, which was severely undermined. The driver thought he had enough room to get around the washout but when he drove forward the right hand tire sunk into it. Fortunately the ATV was stopped in time.

**Injury Details:** No injuries or damage. The ATV was driven out and the track closed.

**Risk Awareness:** With a mass up to 1000kg the [particular risk](#) is a loss of control leading to a rollover where the ATV (and its load) could fall onto and crush (or otherwise harm) the operator and/or passengers. NOTE: This 6 seater LUV was fully loaded with workers and chemical – heightening the risk and the potential for harm.

**Safe Behaviours:** The PCBUs, following the [Safe Op – All Terrain Vehicles](#) and using the [risk assessment flowchart](#) are required to pre-assess the tracks, routes and travel areas. The PCBU’s must agree on which sections may be used (or not) and mark as such on the prescription map (or in the App). Here are our non-negotiables:

- Following the Safe Op is a requirement of use – otherwise, we don’t use the ATV
- The landscape has changed significantly post cyclone Gabriel – take nothing at face value and review any historical assessments and previously identified hazards
- Where surface conditions are uncertain i.e., from a visual inspection, walk the tracks
- Like any good pilot, the safety of your people comes first – err on the side of caution!

**For Site Manager:**

Print and complete the following:

1. Discuss with employees/operators:
2. Place on-site notice board or in file:

**Site Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** / /  
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