



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



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 30

Date: 28 July 2020	Focus Group: ATV Operators
Topic: Maintenance Checks and Records	Issued by: Craig Fisher

Background and Incident: Climbing a farm track, the front CV joint broke causing an ATV to lose traction and slide backwards. With only two wheels driving, the 6-seater (with driver only) momentarily stopped against a small tree before sliding another short distance and finally stopping against a larger tree.

Injury Details: Nil to the operator and ATV, which required a CV joint replacement.

Risk Awareness: Mud can cover ATV drive componentry and obscure faults, causing the ATV to malfunction at times when there is a serious risk of harm or damage.

Safe Behaviours: The [ACOP 6.5.1](#) states that “Mobile plant shall be maintained in a safe operating condition in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications” and therefore it is essential to follow these four key maintenance tips:

- Use an authorised service agent to regularly service the ATV (usually 100 hours).
- Complete the Daily ATV – [Inspection and Maintenance Checklist](#). Remember to record the date of the first inspection, then each weekly inspection thereafter.
- Know your ATV – if something feels or sounds different – stop, check, and fix!
- Ask for help – get a second opinion and report any findings to your manager.

For Site Manager use (print this document and then complete):

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1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board or in the safety file

Site Manager: _____
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Date: / /