



SAFETY ALERT

Side-by-side rollover

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WHAT HAPPENED

A farm worker was driving a side-by-side on farm when they had a momentary lapse in concentration and the side-by-side rolled over. The vehicle was fitted with safety nets, and the worker was wearing a helmet and seatbelt. Additionally, because they had a GPS alert system in place, their team knew about the accident immediately and got to them in 22 minutes, so they received care very quickly.

They experienced a cut and bruising on the face, bruising from their seat belt, and had to take a week off work, but with the PPE in place and the fact that they were located quickly, they avoided serious injury.

WHY DID IT HAPPEN

As the worker travelled to the downhill section of the road, they lost concentration and drove too far to the left-hand side of the road, where the SxS bellied out and rolled over twice, landing on the driver's side. Speed potentially increased the harm. The worker was going 14km/hr over the farm speed of 30 km. Had the worker been going the speed limit, the impact of the rollover may have been reduced even further.

KEY LESSONS

- Make sure you are up to the job when you head out on farm. Fatigue and distraction affects focus. Stop, think, and do the task safely.
- In this incident having GPS tracking on the vehicle meant help got to them quickly. Investing in technology like this for yourself and your workers could literally be a life saver.
- Other PPE (fitted and used) meant that the farm worker in this incident avoided serious injury - including safety nets in place, helmet and crash rollover technology. Make sure you and your team have and use the right PPE for the job.

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