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UTILITY TASK VEHICLE ROLLOVER – NO INJURIES

CATEGORY: EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

DESCRIPTION:

A utility task vehicle (UTV), also called an all-terrain vehicle, sustained extensive damage when it overturned in a ditch and caught fire.

The operator lost control of the UTV on the deeply rutted and snow-covered road. It skidded across the road and flipped upside down. The fuel cap was knocked off during the rollover and the spilled fuel ignited. The operator was able to walk away and call for assistance. The fire was quickly extinguished.



UTV ROLLED OVER INTO DITCH AND THE SPILLED FUEL IGNITED DESTROYING THE VEHICLE

CAUSE:

The driver was going too fast for conditions.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The road was deeply rutted and snow-covered.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- » Employer should ensure workers are competent before operating equipment
- » Supervisors are to communicate the importance of reviewing hazards and controls daily, and again when any conditions change with all affected workers
- » Supervisors are responsible to ensure workers are competent, and that they are operate equipment safely
- » Workers need to be trained on the specific equipment they operate prior to use, and should be knowledgeable about equipment limitations