

SAFE USE OF SIDE-BY-SIDE OR MULTI-UTILITY VEHICLES



WorkSafe Tasmania is currently investigating an incident involving the roll-over of a side-by-side vehicle (SSV; also known as a multi-utility vehicle/MUV).

The worker was using the SSV to move livestock. He suffered serious leg and arm injuries.

Contributing factors

- The operator was using the vehicle without proper instruction and training.
- The operator had not reviewed the owner's manual and all warning and instruction labels.
- The cab nets or doors were not in place.

Action required

If you are a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) and you have SSVs/MUVs in your workplace, you must ensure that:

- all operators review and understand the owner's manual and warning and instruction labels
- cab nets or doors are in place on the vehicle at all times
- the vehicle is operated according to the manufacturer's instructions
- operators wear seatbelts at all times
- passengers are not carried unless the operator has more than 2 hours of driving experience
- all operators are provided with adequate instruction and training that is relevant to the hazards and risk associated with using the vehicle. This should be:
 - provided by a registered training organisation (RTO), such as 'Operate side-by-side utility vehicles' AHCMOM211A (see below), or
 - a comprehensive on-the-job training program that includes assessing the operator's competency.

Training

To find an RTO providing the training course 'Operate side-by-side utility vehicles' AHCMOM211A, go to www.myskills.gov.au