

Quad bike safety in the spotlight



Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program

Quad bikes are widely used on Australian farms as they can operate in a range of conditions with minimal impact, however they are susceptible to rollover and have been associated with continuing rates of injury.

More than 115 people have been killed in quad bike accidents on Australian farms since 2011, including 32 in NSW.

Quad bike related injuries and fatalities have a devastating effect on families and communities.

The NSW Government's \$2 Million Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program encourages and support land

managers to adopt a range of harm prevention strategies to protect workers, family members and themselves.

In the last three months, the NSW Government has doubled rebates for operator protective devices, side-by-side vehicles and helmets, scrapped training costs completely and launched a confronting advertising campaign.

Safer Quad Bikes Project

To reduce the high rates of death and injury the NSW Government aims to better understand safety on-farm and investigate in detail the attitudes and behaviours of farm workers to quad bike use and safety.

A joint project between NSW DPI and SafeWork NSW will help the government ensure the effectiveness of current and future measures aimed at improving quad bike safety.

The project aims to answer some key questions – What are the behaviours, attitudes and motivations of quad bike riders?

The project will begin in June 2017 with the goal of interviewing at least 50 quad bike users from a range of backgrounds to better understand the views of farmers and farm workers on safety initiatives and the on-farm context of quad bike use.

To register interest in participating in the research program, please email nsw.quadbikesafety@dpi.nsw.gov.au

For further information on the Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program visit

www.safework.nsw.gov.au

or call **13 10 50**. To apply for rebates, visit

www.nswfarmers.org.au

For details of the quad bike handling course visit

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

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