

## ATV LIFEGUARDS

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### **ATV Rollovers – Reducing Deaths and Serious Injuries**

Australia is the leading country in reducing ATV accidents and death following an ATV rollover. The introduction of Crush Protection Devices dramatically reduces risk of serious injury or death from being 'pinned' or 'crushed' beneath the ATV.

In 2011, there were 24 farm related deaths that were attributed to ATV accidents across Australia. The biggest area of concern was the trapping and pinning of the operator (often-sole operator). During investigation and reviewing of the high number of deaths and accidents, it was apparent that the greatest issue was being 'pinned' or 'trapped' beneath the ATV. In researching the industry, it was apparent that ATV did not have roll frames, or ROPS, like tractors.

With the introduction of the ATV LIFEGUARD in Australia, there has been a significant reduction in the number of ATV deaths or serious injuries. Further research and evaluation have shown that modelling of rollovers shows the real time benefit of Crush Protection Devices.