



# Hazard Alert

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## HAZARD SUMMARY

Recently, on Prince Edward Island, a construction worker was seriously injured when the construction equipment the worker was operating rolled over. The worker was not using a seatbelt at the time of the incident.

**Hazard Location:** *Powered mobile equipment.*

### Cause

- The Construction equipment operator was not wearing a seatbelt.
- The worker was injured when thrown outside the safety of the Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS).



### Legislated Requirements:

The OH&S regulations Section 33.8(2) states that, “The operator of and passengers on powered mobile equipment shall use the seatbelts and restraining devices provided while the equipment is in motion.”

### Recommended Precautions:

- Ensure all powered equipment operators are wearing seatbelts or approved restraining devices at all times while operating construction equipment.
- Ensure seat belts and restraining devices are in proper working order at all times.
- Ensure all Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) are designed to protect the operator from being crushed in the event of a rollover.
- Ensure operators are properly orientated in the use and limits of the equipment they are operating.
- Ensure all operators have training in what to do in the event of an equipment rollover.

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