

**GO THE DISTANCE AND COME BACK.**

**HAPPY TRAILS**

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- Respect the rights of others on trails.
- Respect seasonal closures.
- View animals from a distance.
- Slow down, then stop, when you meet riders on horseback.
- Leave property as you found it.

**WHAT IS AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE**

The law defines an ATV as an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV).

OHVs are motor vehicles designed for off-highway travel such as quads, trail bikes, snowmobiles, amphibious vehicles and off-road go-carts.

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For further information on All Terrain Vehicle safety, contact the Traffic Safety Initiative at (780) 422-8839 or visit [www.saferoads.com](http://www.saferoads.com)



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## PROTECT YOURSELF

### Protective gear

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and the Canadian All Terrain Vehicle Distributors Council recommend that drivers and passengers always wear an approved motorcycle helmet, eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants and long sleeve shirt or jacket.

### Double up only if your ATV is made for two

Riding double is not permitted on machines designed to carry one rider. A passenger on these machines will seriously impair the driver's ability to shift weight in order to steer and control the ATV.



**Don't show off –  
watch your speed.  
Ride responsibly and  
stay in control.  
Never operate an ATV  
at excessive speeds.**

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## KNOW THE LAWS

### Stay off the road

An ATV driver cannot ride on any portion of a highway (including ditches). Exceptions are:

- **WHEN CROSSING ROADS**

When crossing roads of any kind, come to a complete stop and make absolutely sure no traffic is approaching from any direction. Cross at a right angle to traffic by the most direct, shortest and safest route available. All passengers must disembark.

- **WITH PERMISSION FOR HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY (INCLUDING DITCHES)**

Special permission must be granted from the provincial government for a special event, or special permission (bylaw) for local roads from the municipal government.

**Note: Persons under the age of 14 are not permitted to drive on a highway. See the Off Highway Vehicle Regulation prohibition Section 2(1).**

### Private land

If operating on private land, an ATV rider must have permission from the land owner.

### Care and attention

Riders should be aware that operating an ATV without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons or property could result in a fine of \$402.00.

### Don't mix alcohol and ATVs

Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during the operation of an ATV. An ATV rider can be charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with impaired driving or for having a breath or blood sample over 0.08 mg % and could also face a driver's licence suspension.

### Mufflers are a must

All ATVs must have mufflers. It is illegal to ride if a muffler has been altered or modified.

### Deal with collisions responsibly

If a rider has been involved in a collision with an injury, death, or property damage of \$1000 or more, this must be reported immediately to the nearest police station.

### Registration & Insurance

Vehicle registration and minimum insurance of \$200,000 for third party liability is required when operating on public land or highway (if permitted).