

All-Terrain Vehicle Safety

The following are general safety guidelines. These guidelines should not be substituted for specific rules provided to you by your All-Terrain Vehicle manufacturer. However, they should be part of your Montana Agriculture Safety Program Plan. For more information visit: www.atvsafety.org

- ✓ All-Terrain Vehicles are NOT TOYS.
- ✓ Children should never operate full size ATVs.
 - Age > 12, 70cc or smaller
 - Age 12-16, 90cc or smaller
- ✓ Use Personal Protective Equipment. This includes:
 - Helmet
 - Eye protection
 - Sturdy footwear
 - Gloves
 - Long Pants/Sleeves
- ✓ Additional passengers impact the unique handling characteristics of All-Terrain Vehicles.
 - DO NOT CARRY PASSENGERS.
- ✓ All-Terrain Vehicles are designed primarily for off-road use.
 - Exercise extreme caution when driving on hard roads.
 - Do not use an ATV on public roads unless they are equipped and licensed as “street legal.”
 - Do not exceed the recommended speed of your vehicle.
- ✓ Use lights/reflectors/flags to increase visibility.
- ✓ Do not operate an ATV while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ Participate in certified All-Terrain Vehicle safety.
- ✓ Regular maintenance is important for operational safety.
- ✓ Every driver should review & initial the operating manual, watch the safety video, and practice driving the ATV in a flat area.
- ✓ Understand how to safely cross ditches.
- ✓ Never take risks by riding up too steep of a hill.
- ✓ Know how to load properly and adjust load for terrain.
- ✓ Do not trust parking brakes.