



ATV SAFETY TIPS

All-terrain vehicles (ATV) offer fun and adventure, provide a method of transportation, and are great tools for subsistence activities. However, without proper precautions, riders can be put in danger resulting in unintentional accidents and injuries. When utilizing an ATV, it is essential to ride safe, ride smart, and ride sober.

RIDE SAFE

- Always wear a Department of Transportation compliant helmet and other protective gear such as eye protection, a long sleeve shirt, long pants, over the ankle boots, and gloves.
- When possible, drive without passengers. Most ATVs are made for only one rider.
- Ensure children are driving an ATV that is appropriate for their size and age by following the manufacturer's minimum age recommendation warning label on the ATV.


RIDE SMART

- Inspect your machine before heading out — check tires, controls, lights and electrics, oil and fuel, chain and suspension, and winch (if applicable). See back for more details.
- Bring a first aid kit, extra food and water, map and/or GPS, phone, tool kit, spare parts, and extra fuel.
- Know your route and let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- If possible, go on rides with a friend. Two heads and two vehicles are better than one.
- Know your limits and skills. Only operate at speeds in which you can control and approach curves, hills, and unfamiliar areas with caution.

RIDE SOBER

- Never ride under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

WARNING



Operation of this ATV by children under the age of 10 increases the risk of severe injury or death.

Adult supervision required for children under age 11-16.

NEVER permit children under age 10 to operate an ATV.



ATV PRE-RIDE INSPECTION CHECK LIST:

It is important to inspect all parts of the ATV prior to each ride. An inspection can minimize chances of being injured or stranded, ensure an enjoyable ride, and keep riders safe. To perform an inspection, refer to your owner's manual and follow the ATV Safety Institute's T-CLOC checklist. T-CLOC stands for tires and wheels, controls and cables, lights and electrics, oil and fuel, and chain/driveshaft and chassis.

Oil and Fuel

1. Make sure your fuel tank is full and know your ATV's fuel range.
2. Check your oil level when the engine is off.
3. Check for fuel and/or oil leaks.
4. Ensure the air filter is clean and not damaged.

Lights and Electronics

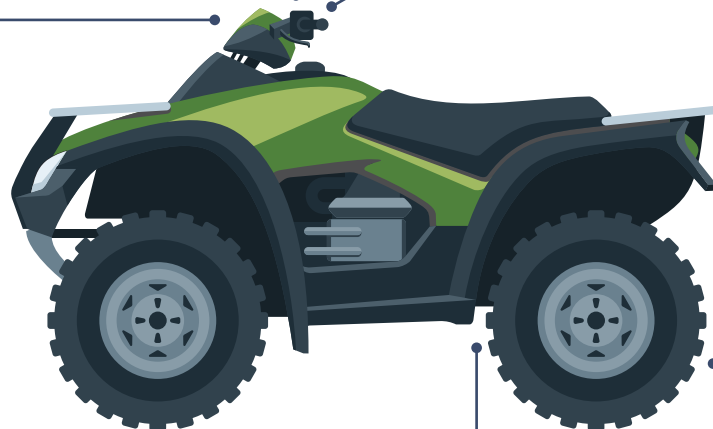
1. Check the operation and condition of headlights and taillights.
2. Make sure the engine stop switch works.
3. Ensure the ignition switch works properly.

Controls and Cables

1. Ensure all controls work smoothly.
2. Check the throttle and cable to make sure they move smoothly and snap closed with handlebars in any position. If equipped, adjust throttle limiter appropriately for the rider.
3. Test the brakes. Ensure the hand and foot breaks operate smoothly. These are a crucial safety features that need to work all the time!
4. Ensure the foot shifter is firmly attached and positioned, if applicable.

Tires and Wheels

1. Maintain the recommended tire pressure. Check with low-pressure gauge.
2. Ensure tires have no punctures or leaks.
3. Ensure axel nuts are tight, secured, and wheel nuts are torqued properly.



Chain/Driveshaft and Chassis

1. Inspect, adjust, and lubricate the chain regularly. Your chain is a vital link from the engine to the wheels. Ensure the chain slack is within specifications described in your owner's manual.
2. If your ATV is equipped with a drive shaft instead of a chain, check for oil leaks and maintain its oil supply.
3. Riding on rough terrain will loosen parts on your ATV. Look and feel for loose parts when the engine is off. Shake handlebars and footrests before each ride. Tighten anything needed and check fasteners periodically.

Prepare for the unexpected and carry what you need to handle an emergency or mechanical issue. You may want to include spare items in your toolkit such as spark plugs, electrical wire and tape, tow ropes, and flashlights or headlights. You can ride farther in an hour than you can walk in a day, so ride smart, ride safe, and ride sober.