

ATV Safety

All-Terrain vehicles have become very popular for use with agriculture, farming and recreational activities. It is vital to know how to keep yourself, your children and others safe when operating an ATV.

Golden Rules

Do

- Use appropriate sized ATVs for youth.
- Ride an ATV that's right for your age.
- Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- Wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots and gloves.
- Scan the path ahead and identify potential hazards such as rocks, stumps, low or fallen branches, fences, guy wires and rough or unstable path surfaces.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Be careful when driving with added ATV attachments. These affect the stability, braking and operation of the ATV.

Don't

- Allow children to operate ATVs without training.
- Operate the ATV on streets, highways or paved roads, except to cross at safe, designated intersections.
- Ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Carry passengers.
- Operate an ATV at excessive speeds.

Resources

- Take a FREE ATV E-course at <https://cbt.svia.org/login/index.php>
- Participate in a FREE ATV aware program through the Nebraska Extension. To learn more, email Susan.Harris@unl.edu or call 308-832-0645.

