
The Smart Ride Safe Ride ATV/ORV Handbook



<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/driver/pdfs/smart-ride-safe-ride-ATV.pdf>

This handbook outlines the legislative requirements for ATVs and other types of off-road vehicles (ORVs) and promotes safe and responsible riding practices.

It will tell you:

- where you can ride your ATV/ORV
- who can drive an ATV/ORV in Ontario
- the road rules you need to follow
- how to be a safe and responsible ATV/ORV rider

The handbook, however, is only a guide. For more detailed information on the legal requirements for driving an ATV/ORV in Ontario, consult the *Off-Road Vehicles Act (ORVA)* - www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90o04_e.htm and the *Highway Traffic Act* - www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_030316_e.htm.



ATVs and Off-Road Vehicles

**ATVs and ORVs are prohibited from travelling
along any Municipal or County roads
within Township of Selwyn boundaries**

2015 Provincial Changes to All-Terrain Vehicle Law

The All-Terrain Vehicle, or ATV as it's commonly called, is a very popular year-round utility and recreational vehicle, which offers many hours of enjoyment for outdoor enthusiasts. However, there are certain risks associated with riding an ATV if laws aren't respected and safety precautions are ignored.

July 1, 2015, the province implemented new changes to ORV and ATV.

These changes include:

- Allowing more types of off-road vehicles (ORVs) and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) - including two-up ATVs, side-by-side ORVs and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) - on the shoulder of public roads, **where permitted**
- Mandating that all riders - including drivers and passengers of all ages - wear an approved motorcycle helmet and use a seatbelt or foot rests, where applicable
- Children under the age of eight will not be allowed as a passenger on any ATV/ORV operating on-road
- Limiting the number of passengers to the number of available seating positions
- Requiring compliance labels on all ATVs/ORVs
- Clarifying access and exemptions for farmers and trappers and for Far Northern Ontario municipalities

For a complete list of provincial highways where on-road ATV/ORV use is permitted, please refer to *Ontario Regulation 316/03* - www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2003/elaws_src_regs_r03316_e.htm Schedule B. For a list of Provincial Highways where on-road use is prohibited, please refer to Ontario Regulation 316/03, Schedule A.

For a list of highways in Ontario where ATVs are prohibited from crossing, please check *Schedule 1 of Regulation 863 of the Off-Road Vehicles Act* - http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_900863_e.htm

Municipal By-laws

Before you ride, always check with the municipality to confirm that ATVs or ORVs are allowed on its roads, and if so, whether there are any restricted areas or rules you need to know about.

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Enforcement

When riding an ATV/ORV along an approved roadway, on a trail system, or on Crown land, the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act and/or the Off-Road Vehicles Act are enforced by police and conservation officers across the province.

If you are stopped by a police or conservation officer when riding an ATV, two-up ATV, side-by-side ORV or a UTV while not on the vehicle owner's land, you must produce the following documents when requested:

- Registration permit;
- Proof of insurance; and
- Driver's licence, when required.

You must also stop when signalled to by a land owner and provide your name and address, if requested.

Concerned about unsafe ATV/ORC use in your neighbourhood? Residents in the Selwyn Township Wards of Smith and Ennismore may use O.P.P. Citizen Self Reporting (CSR) - www.opp.ca/reporting - a means of reporting certain minor incidents and crimes.

Need more information on ATV safety or legal requirements?

Visit: Ontario.ca/atv

