

ATV Safety

Off road vehicles make life on the farm much easier and they're a lot of fun too, but riding an ATV can be dangerous if you're not careful.

A couple simple tips keep a typical ride from turning into a disaster:

- ▶ Absolutely NO passengers (unless the manual says otherwise)
- ▶ Wear a helmet (pants, gloves, boots, and goggles are also a must)
- ▶ Make sure your ATV is the right size (specifics on the back)
- ▶ Pre-ride inspection: tires, brakes, electrical, fluids, lights, etc.



Avoid a ticket – find out if your state has any laws regarding off road vehicles.

Check with a local ATV dealership or training groups that conduct off road vehicle riding courses in your area.

ATV SIZE CHECK

Is your ATV the right size? Do a quick check.

- ▶ Standing on your ATV: is there 3-6 inches of clearance between you and the seat?
- ▶ Sit on your ATV: are your thighs parallel to the ground?
- ▶ Put your foot on the foot pegs: can you easily depress the brake and gearshift?
- ▶ Grab the handle bars: are your arms slightly bent? Can you reach the throttle easily? Does your middle finger reach beyond the brake?

If you didn't answer yes to every question, your ATV is too large despite the manufacturer's suggested age.

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