

What safety tips should I follow?

- Check the weather
- Tell someone else your route and expected time to be back
- Choose an ATV that is appropriate for your age, size and skill
- Take a certified safety course prior to use of an ATV
- Follow all ATV manufacturer guidelines and warnings

What does the law say?

- Always ride sober, never under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Never ride with a loaded firearm
- Always follow the marked speed limit and any other regulations or rules
- Always carry only the number of people the ATV is made for, single-rider ATVs are just for the driver
- Pennsylvania requires any person operating or riding on an ATV or UTV to wear a helmet
- You are required to both title and register an ATV with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) unless its use is exclusively as a farm or business vehicle

Where can I find more information?

This is not a comprehensive list of safety protocol or codified law. It is the responsibility of the operator or a parent/guardian to know the law and enforce safety measures. For more information, visit the DCNR website, www.dcnr.pa.gov.



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Gear Up for ATV Safety

Gearing up to hit the trail is important for a safe and successful ride. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest research, Pennsylvania ranks second, only to Texas, with the highest number of ATV fatalities in the country.

Use these questions to help plan your next ride.

Where should I ride?

- On privately owned property, with the consent of the owner or lease holder
- On designated trails in PA state forests

What should I wear?

- A properly fitted and approved helmet
- Long pants
- Long sleeves
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Boots that cover the ankle

What should I take with me?

- Cell phone
- First aid kit
- Water

What age do I need to be?

- Children under the age of 8 are not permitted to operate an ATV on Pennsylvania public lands
- Youth under the age of 16 are not permitted to operate an ATV, unless the youth has a valid safety certificate and is supervised by an adult
- **ALWAYS** supervise children when using ATVs