

## Some things to remember

- You must wear a helmet if you are under 18 years of age.
- If you were born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988 you must possess an ATV safety certificate.
- Your ATV must be registered with the State of Wisconsin.
- You must yield the right of way to all vehicle traffic and pedestrians.
- You must obey all regulatory signs such as stop signs, yield and speed signs.
- Speed must be reduced to **10 MPH** when you are **within 150 feet** of any residence devoted to human occupancy.
- It is illegal to ride in a careless manner which endangers persons or property.
- It is illegal to operate at a speed that is unreasonable or imprudent.
- Operation on city property such as parks and cemeteries is illegal. You must remain on paved surfaces in these locations.
- You may not ride in the ditch alongside Hy-10.
- You may not ride on the Friendship trail.
- Roads adjacent to the City such as Center Rd. Hacker Rd. and Hy-10 are not legal to ride.
- The noise level must be 96 db or less at 20"/45° and half throttle.

### **You can't allow a person to operate an ATV if he or she is;**

- ◆ Prohibited by law.
- ◆ Has not obtained the required safety certificate (or underage).
- ◆ Incapable of operating an ATV because they are physically or mentally unable to exercise physical control over the speed or direction of an ATV.
- ◆ Under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

You can't transport a firearm or bow on an ATV unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or the bow is unstrung or in a carrying case.

✓ It is not unlawful to operate an ATV with a passenger. However, it is recommended you operate the machine according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

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### **Accidents and Crashes**

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✓ If you are involved in a crash, the first thing to do is ensure you are okay and not going to be involved in another crash from a following ATV. You should provide help to anyone else who was involved.

✓ Wisconsin's maximum blood alcohol concentration limit is 0.08% and the limit is strictly enforced. However, a person can be under the influence of alcohol and in violation at lesser concentrations. Avoid alcohol all together while riding.

**Implied Consent law**—You are required to provide a sample of your breath if an officer has probable cause to believe you are operating an ATV under the influence. By operating an ATV on areas open to the public you have automatically consented to provide a sample of your breath, blood or urine to an officer who requests the test. If you refuse to provide a breath, blood or urine sample, you will be charged with an additional violation.

When a helmet is required, the mandatory helmet type is one that is designed for motorcycle or ATV use. A bicycle helmet is not acceptable headgear by law.



- ✓ Almost all of the victims involved in a fatal ATV crash did not wear a helmet. Save your own life and wear your helmet at all times while riding your ATV.

#### State Property

- ◆ Most state properties are closed to ATV use. Inquire with the local property manager to see if any are open to ATV riding.

- ✓ Snowmobile trails are *NOT* automatically open to ATV use. In many cases it is illegal to ride an ATV on a snowmobile trail. Violating this law prevents any future opportunities to have joint use trails and even threatens the existence of established joint-use trails.

#### ATV Operator's Code Of Ethics

1. I will be a good sportsperson. I recognize that people judge all ATV owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other ATV owners to promote exemplary conduct.
2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes.
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.
4. I will respect other people's property and rights.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make myself and my ATV available to assist with search and rescue.
7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, snow-shoers, ice fishermen or other sportspeople. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of ATVs.
9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.
10. I will not ride off the trails or marked roads open to ATVs. I will avoid cross-country travel unless specifically authorized.

#### Basic ATV Safety Code

1. Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your ATV trip. Doing so increases your chances of being injured or killed.
2. Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and flying debris.
3. Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners, it's dangerous and illegal.
4. If you operate an ATV at night, don't override your lights.
5. Only one person should be riding on the ATV.
6. Know the terrain you are going to ride. If it's unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
7. Drowning is one of the causes of ATV fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
8. Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for ATVing.
9. Do not put your feet down on the ground for balancing around corners, your feet may get caught under the tires and in moving parts of the ATV.
10. Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions in the area.
11. Be sure your ATV is in top-notch mechanical condition at the beginning of the season and throughout the months of use.
12. Familiarize yourself with the ATV you are driving by reading in detail the manual accompanying the ATV.
13. Always use the buddy system and ride with a friend on his/her own ATV.