# Working with All Terrain & Utility Vehicles

Hired Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines



## Main Hazards



Vehicle Overturns



Collision with Obstacles



Distracted Driving

## Remember




Drive Safely



Eye Protection




Safety Training

## Work Conditions

- Ensure safety devices are in place, such as Roll-over Protective Structures (UTV) and Crush Protection Structures (ATV)
- Conduct pre-operational inspection
- Operation by young workers only during daylight and in good weather
- Avoid work assignments in hilly terrain
- Ensure work area is as free from hazards as possible
- Establish safe route to/from work site, avoiding paved roads
- Ensure proper attire and personal protective equipment is worn as needed, including enclosed-toed shoes and eye protection
- Maintain 2-way communication

## Training and Supervision

- Ensure employee completes training for vehicle operation
- Use Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines (AYWG) to ensure youth's ability to perform task safely
- For ATVs, ensure employee wears a helmet that meets Department of Transportation standards
- Have employee demonstrate ability to safely operate vehicle and directly supervise until proficient
- Check operator's manual and/or manufacturer website for guidance on safe operation of equipment

## Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines (AYWG)

**cultivatesafety.org/work**

Use these guidelines to assess a youth's overall ability to safely operate vehicles or perform related tasks and learn more about adult responsibilities, hazards and protective strategies

- Operating a Utility Vehicle
- Operating an All-Terrain Vehicle
- Working Outdoors
- Refueling Equipment
- Connect/Disconnect an Implement
- Fieldwork with an Implement
- Maintain 2-way Communication

## Other Factors

There are other factors that can impact a teen's ability to safely perform work. These factors include things like

- Fatigue
- Substance use/abuse
- Emotional disturbances
- Stress

These factors can change from day to day, spurring the need to meet with youth prior to work each day and assess their condition and abilities. Visit **agsupervisortraining.org** for more information on assessing these factors.

## Federal Regulations: Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)

- Refer to Employer/Supervisor Responsibilities for links to detailed information on federal and state regulations for young workers
- Refer to Adolescents at Work guideline for general regulations
- Youth under 16 may not drive a bus, truck, or automobile to transport passengers
- If youth under 16 are assisting with tasks using ATVs/UTVs such as clearing land, pruning trees or hauling products, check federal and state regulations for list of prohibited equipment (e.g. chainsaws)
- Youth under 16 may not apply toxic agricultural chemicals (including cleaning or decontaminating equipment, disposal or return of empty containers)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) specifies age 18 for application of restricted use pesticides (exception exists, see **epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety**)
- Check state laws for additional regulations. State-specific information is available at **www.youthrules.dol.gov**