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