



# Operating an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

## Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- Avoid loose clothing; clothes with strings; tie up long hair
- Reach and operate controls when seated in center of seat or when shifting body to the back of the seat
- Stand upright while straddling the seat and lean forward over the handlebars
- Strong enough to operate the controls without straining
- Push ATV off if pinned underneath
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
- Good peripheral vision when wearing a helmet
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- ATV has a Crush Protection Device (CPD) designed to prevent crush injuries in lower speed crashes (<30 mph)
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain [two-way communication](#) link



## Adult Responsibilities

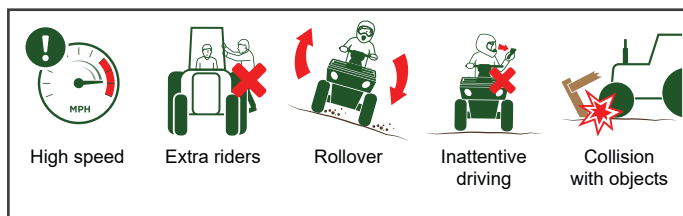
- Comply with [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Ensure ATV is mechanically sound with safety features
- Verify ATV model meets “rider fit” recommendations
- Provide appropriate training
- Ensure youth does not operate ATV after dark or in bad weather
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Establish a safe route to the worksite
- Ensure load is appropriate size, balanced and secured
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

## Supervision

*Note: Youth should not engage in high risk activities, such as loading/unloading the ATV for transport, driving on roads and spraying.*

**16+ yrs**      Continuous supervision progressing to periodic

## Hazards



## Protective Strategies

