

Operating an All-Terrain Vehicle

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



High speed







Rollover



Inattentive

driving



Collision with objects

Protective Strategies











Helmet with eye protection

Non-skid shoes

Operator's manual

Gloves

Communication Tools

