



# Operating a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV)

## 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 while wearing seatbelt
- Reach the ROPS handhold while seated wearing seatbelt
- 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
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain [two-way communication](#) link



## Adult Responsibilities

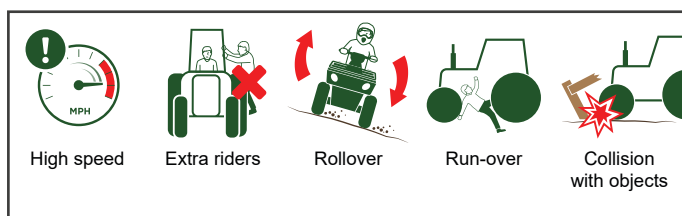
- Ensure UTV is mechanically sound with safety features
- Provide appropriate training
- Ensure youth does not operate UTV after dark or in bad weather
- Teach youth to minimize driving on or crossing public roads
- Demonstrate how to safely drive an UTV
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards 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 UTV for transport, driving on roads or spraying.*

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

## Hazards



## Protective Strategies

