

# 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

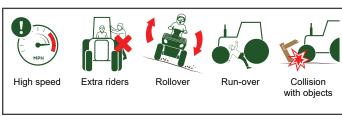
#### Supervision

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**

