

The Rules

- A person must be 16 to operate ATVs over 90 cc.
- A person aged 14 or 15 can operate an ATV up to and including 90cc, if accompanied and supervised by a person 19 years of age or older.
- A person under 14 years of age is not permitted to operate any size ATV.

The legislation requires operators to wear a helmet. If the ATV has no windshield, then the operator must wear a face shield, safety glasses or goggles. *(Exceptions are possible in the forestry, mining, fishing, construction or agricultural industries.)*

The legislation restricts where ATVs can be operated.

- **Bogs and other environmentally sensitive areas** are out of bounds except for the lawful transportation of an animal from the place where it was killed, and only under certain conditions
(See the legislation for details).
- **ATVs are not permitted on a highway** except to cross from one side to another and the operator must have insurance to do so. This rule does not apply to private woods roads, resource woods roads and cottage development roads.

ATV SAFETY

...it's not Child's Play.

- You must be 16 years old to operate an ATV over 90cc
- Always wear a helmet
- Never drive along public roads and highways
- Never drink and drive an ATV
- Only carry passengers on ATVs designed for a second person
- Respect the environment

For more information email: servicenlinfo@gov.nl.ca or visit:

<http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/atvsafety>

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Know and follow
safe practices when
operating an ATV

Putting your safety first: stay safe with ATVs

ATV Safety Regulations Protect You and Your Children

If you own or operate an All-Terrain Vehicle, the Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act and Regulations affect you. The Act and Regulations are designed to reduce injuries and promote the safer use of ATVs.

The Evidence

Experts agree that children under the age of 16 cannot safely operate an ATV.

“ We know that children under the age of 16 years do not possess the physical size, strength, co-ordination and motor skills to operate an ATV, the cognitive capacity to look for and react to potential hazards, nor the good judgment to not act impulsively or take excessive risks. ”

*Dr. Andrew Major, Past-President,
Newfoundland and Labrador
Medical Association*

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that no child should operate a vehicle over 90cc. The Commission also estimates that the risk of injury for a driver younger than 16 is NOT significantly reduced by using a machine of less than 90cc. The danger is the inability of young drivers to react appropriately. Evidence supports this. Children suffer a disproportionate number of deaths on ATVs.

“ ATVs have increased significantly in popularity, but unfortunately the number of severe ATV-related injuries and deaths – particularly among children and youth – has increased along with it. Always practice safe and responsible driving habits, wear a helmet and know and follow provincial laws for operating off-road vehicles. ”

*Dr. David Allison,
Chief Medical Officer of
Department of Health and
Community Services*

Did you know...

Children are six times more likely to be hospitalized and 12 times more likely to die from ATV related accidents than are children on bicycles.

