



## BEFORE YOU RIDE

- Ensure you have received the necessary information, training and instruction about the safe use of quad bikes.
- Decide if a quad bike is the right vehicle for the activity. Would a ute, tractor, motorbike or side-by-side be safer for the task and terrain?
- Maintain the quad bike so it's in a safe condition.
- Read the operator manual. Follow the manufacturer's safety warnings and recommended use of the vehicle.
- Tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return.

## Ride safely — don't take unnecessary risks

- Don't carry passengers on quad bikes.
- Avoid riding on uneven terrain or steep slopes. Watch out for ground affected by rain or flooding.
- Ride on tracks and paths that you know, and beware of obstacles.
- Carry a mobile phone or radio device to use in case of an emergency.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- Only carry accessories and attachments you need. These affect the weight and stability of your quad bike, so leave them behind if you don't need them.
- Take care when carrying liquid loads as they can slosh about when turning corners or crossing slopes, and make the quad bike unstable.

## Get training

- Training is essential to help reduce the risk of serious injury and death.
- No one should use a quad bike within a workplace without first receiving training and then having ongoing supervision to ensure they are following relevant safe work procedures.



## QUAD BIKES AND CHILDREN

- Children are at greater risk of serious injury and death while operating quads. Youth size quad bikes pose a significant risk of death.
- Never let children ride quad bikes that are designed for adults, not even as passengers.
- Do not let children under 6 years of age ride any quad bike and children under 16 years of age should not ride adult size quad bikes.
- Supervise children at all times near any quad bike activity.
- Remove the keys from the quad bike when not in use.

## Risks of a serious incident are also increased when operators:

- Are inexperienced.
- Carry passengers.
- Do not have the physical strength to control or actively ride a quad bike.
- Are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Are not wearing suitable personal protective equipment such as a helmet.

## Use the right safety gear

- Always wear a properly fitting helmet — it's the best protection against a head injury.
- Wear protective clothing and gear such as goggles, long sleeves, long pants, boots and gloves/hand protection.
- Fit a crush protection device to protect you in the event of a rollover.



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