

# Quick Facts

## Off-Highway Vehicles

### Be Prepared

- Travel on approved trails only:
  - contact 310-3773 for area and trail closures; and
  - contact leaseholder prior to travel on leased land.
- Know your route, its trails conditions, and area fire hazards.

### Be Lawful

- Wheeled or tracked vehicles are not allowed on beds or shores of watercourses, wetlands or waterbodies.
- Use designated bridges and water crossings.
- Never wash your vehicle in a lake or river.
- Prevent the start of a wildfire – keep vehicle hot spots free of debris.
- Take garbage with you – leave nothing behind.
- Camping over 14 days requires a permit.
- All OHV riders are required to wear a helmet.

### Be Respectful

- Share trails with other users and yield to non-motorized trail users.
- Leave gates and fences as you found them.
- Choose dry and hard packed trails.
- Keep distance from wildlife.
- Pull over, turn off engine and remove your helmet when horses are approaching.



General  
Information  
310-3773

Report A Poacher  
1-800-642-3800

Report Wildfires  
310-FIRE (3473)

Fire Ban  
Information  
1-866-FYI-FIRE



## Know the law

- Off-highway vehicle operators should check municipal bylaws/laws where they plan to operate.
- Vehicle registration and insurance are mandatory when operating on public lands or municipal roadways, bylaws permitting.
- Under the *Traffic Safety Act*, children younger than 14 years of age must be supervised by an adult when operating an off-highway vehicle on public land.
- Off-highway vehicle drivers can be criminally charged with impaired driving for having a blood alcohol concentration over 0.08 mg or for refusing to provide requested sample(s).
- A driver of an off-highway vehicle must comply with Alberta's traffic laws.
- Off-highway vehicles must be equipped with a headlight, tail light and muffler with spark arrestor.

## Stay safe

- Off-highway vehicles are powerful machines and should not be operated without the appropriate training and skill.
- Helmets, by law, are mandatory. Wear a helmet with face and/or eye protection and protective boots and clothing.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendation regarding the minimum age for operating the vehicle. Children should not operate an off-highway vehicle designed for an adult.
- Never carry a passenger on an off-highway vehicle designed for a driver only – it can affect the vehicle's balance, causing the driver to lose control.
- Drive sober - alcohol, drugs and off-highway vehicles don't mix.

Visit our website at <http://aep.alberta.ca> for more information about off-highway vehicle safety