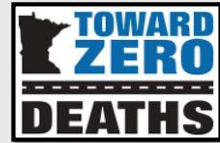


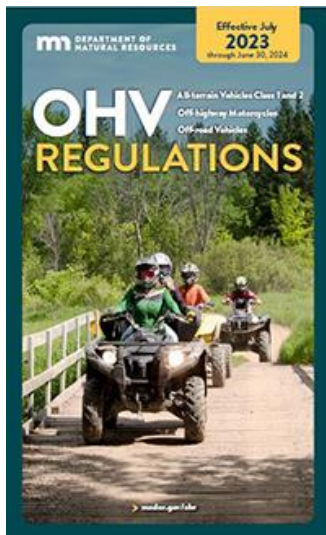


# All-Terrain Vehicle Operations and Safety

Enforcement Division



## OHV Regulations Booklet

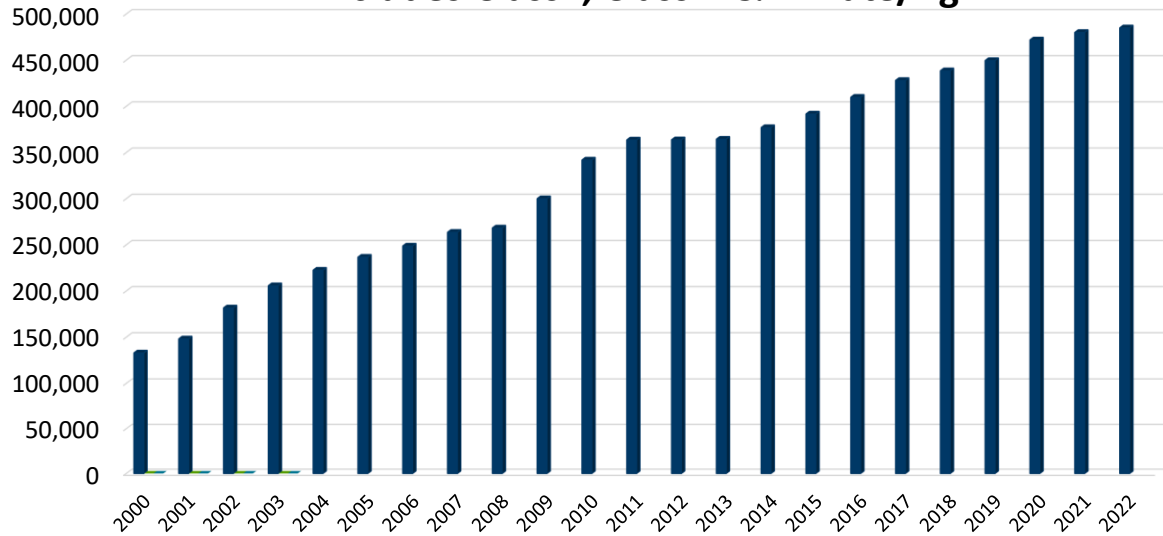


Specific to where to operate

Safety Training requirements

## Growth of ATVs in Minnesota

Includes Class I, Class II & Private/Ag



## Factors in Accidents

### Increase in ATV Accidents with Adult victims

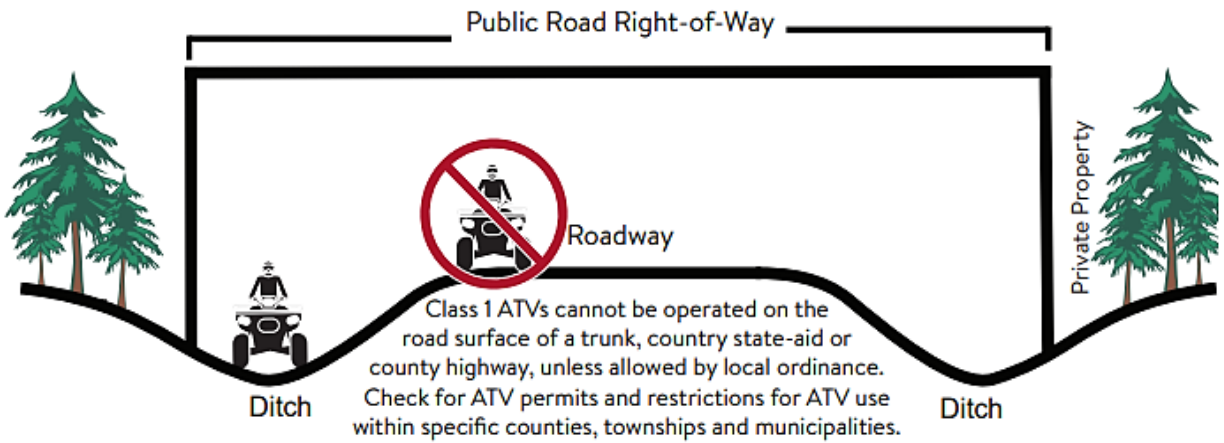
\*Adults not trained properly.

Inexperienced/risk takers



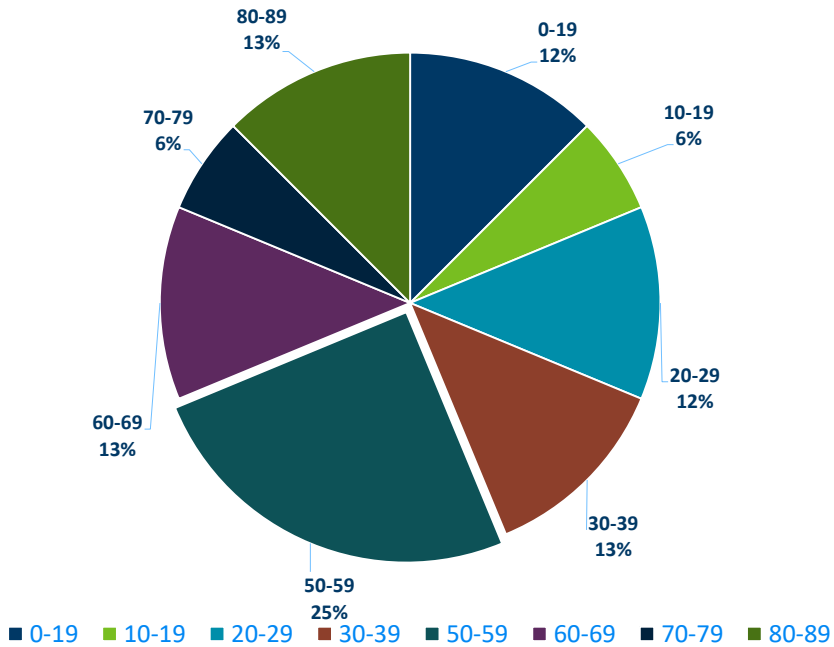
- **Strike fixed object**
- **Roll Over**
- **Ejected**
- **No Helmet worn**
- **Alcohol**
- **Speed (too fast for conditions & ability)**

## Fatal Accidents occur on Road surfaces/private property

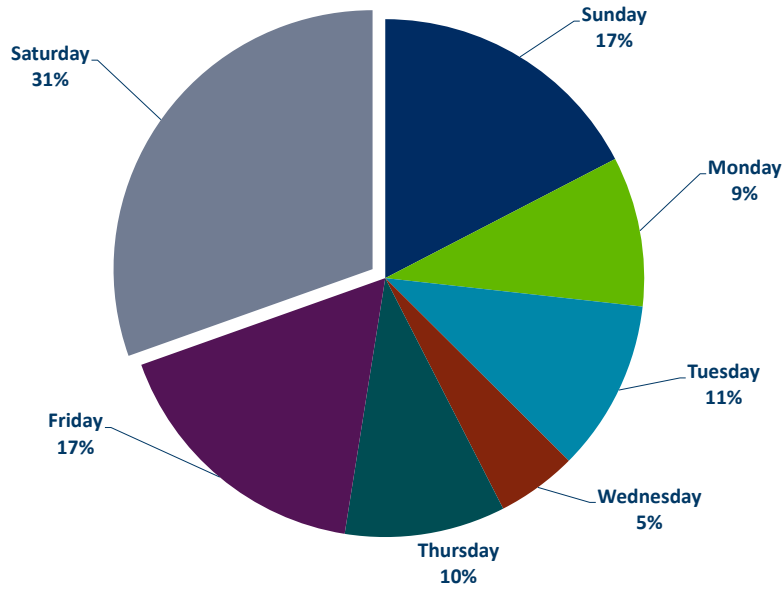


Speed w/Over Steering & Striking fixed objects

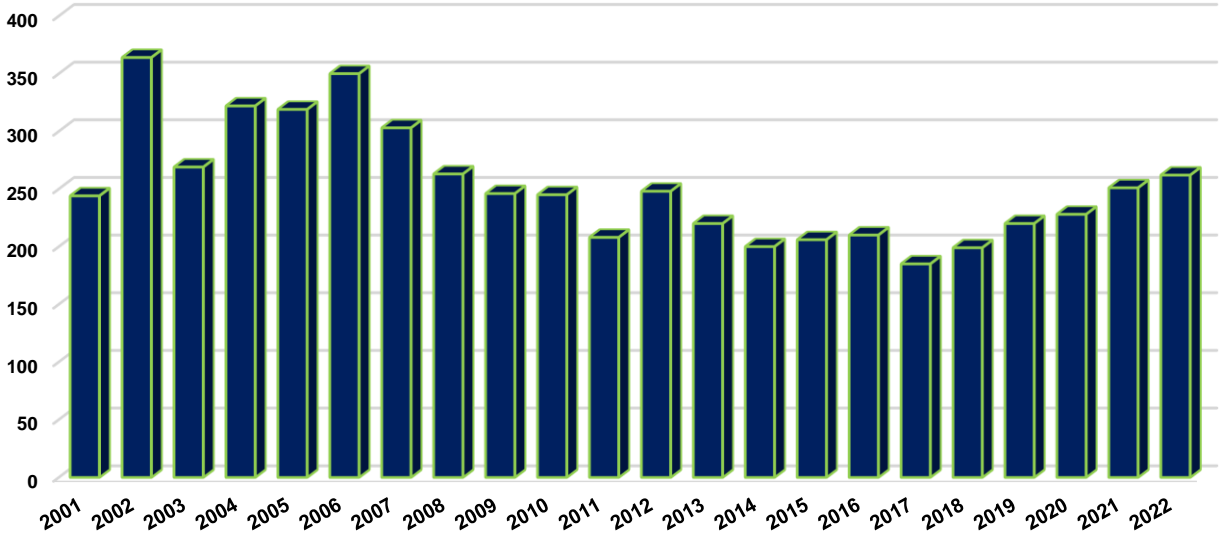
## Age Groups involved in accidents (past 15yrs)



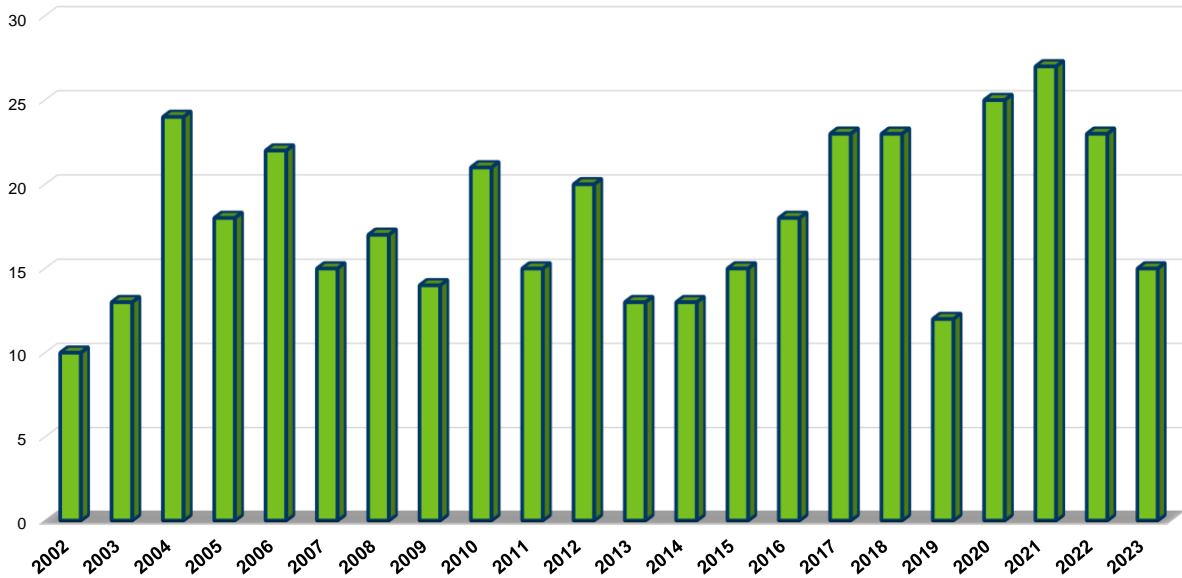
### Days of Week accidents take place



### Personal Injury Stats



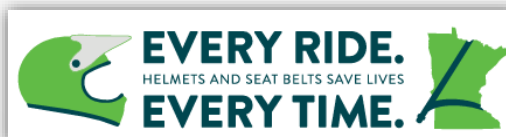
## ATV Fatal Accidents



## SAFETY Messages

Since the spring of 2023, Minnesota DNR Enforcement communications staff have been working to provide messaging on ATV operations and safety awareness...

Social media & Print media



## Helmets prevent brain injuries



It's been increasingly common to see youth riders — whether they're passengers or operators — not wearing helmets. It's not only illegal but it also dramatically increases the risk of severe injury — or worse — life changing brain injury or death. As an experienced rider, remember: The next generation of riders is watching you. Please model safe riding behavior and wear your helmet.

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## Helmet & Seatbelt

Under 18 shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an ATV on public land, waters and road right-of-way, without an **approved helmet** (DOT/Snell)

\*no hockey or bicycle helmets



Under age 18 shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of a **Class 2** ATV without wearing a **seat belt** when provided by manufacturer

## ATV Definition

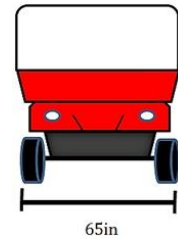
### Class 1 ATV *Effective 7-1-2015*

An all-terrain vehicle that has a width from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim is 50 inches or less



### Class 2 ATV *Effective 7-1-2015*

An all-terrain vehicle that has a width from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim is greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches



### Class 1 ATV





**Youth size Class 1 ATVs**



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**Adult size Class 1 ATVs**



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## Vehicles not meeting definition

All-terrain vehicle **does NOT** include:

- golf cart
- mini-truck
- dune buggy
- go-cart

**or** a vehicle designed and used specifically from lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging or mining purposes.

## Class 1 ATV Operation

### 84.928 Subd 1 (a)

A person **shall not** operate a Class 1 ATV

- **\***along or on the roadway (traveled surface)
- shoulder
- inside bank or slope of the road of a trunk, county state-aid, or county highway

**\*Unless allowed by county ordinance**



## County ATV Ordinance

### MN Statute 84.928.1(k)

(k) A county, city, or town, acting through its governing body, may by ordinance **allow a person to operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public road or street under its jurisdiction** to access businesses and residences and to make trail connections.

Several counties in Minnesota have created ordinances which allows the operation of Class 1 ATV on county road surfaces...

May require to operate with a permit or without a permit.

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### Sample of Class 2 ATVs



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## CLASS 2 ATV Operation

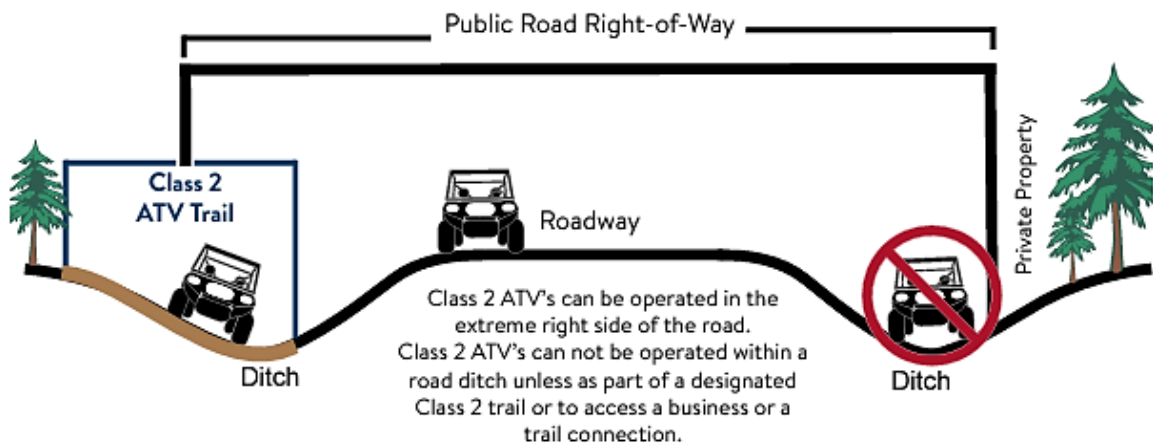
### Operation of Class 2 ATVs is limited to:

- State Forest & Minimum Maintenance Roads
- Designated Class 2 trails
- Certain public roads/streets

Under **84.928 (1)(c)** – **Class 2 may operate** on the Shoulder or extreme right side of county roads and on the right side of township roads and city streets, IF not prohibited by the road authority or other local laws, and with a valid driver's license.

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## Class 2 Operation on Road



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Example of Class 2 ATV operation on County Road

## Allowed on City street by ordinance



## 84.928 Subd 1 (j)

A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle at any time within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway within this state



## Driver's License

A driver's license issued by the state or another state is required to operate an all-terrain vehicle along or on a public road right-of-way....





# All Terrain Vehicle Safety Training



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# ATV Safety Training Requirement

## 84.925 Subd 5 Training Requirements

(a) An individual who was born after July 1, 1987, and who is 16 years of age or older, must successfully complete the independent study course component of all-terrain vehicle safety training before operating an all-terrain vehicle on public lands or waters, public road rights-of-way, or state or grant-in-aid trails.

**(Adults: No hands-on riding component required)**

# ATV Safety Online Course

<http://www.atvcourse.com/usa/minnesota/>

**The Minnesota ATV Safety Education Course**

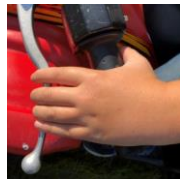
**Who needs an OHV safety education course?**  
 In Minnesota, ATV operators born after July 1, 1987 and OHM riders under the age of 16 are required to complete an approved safety course before riding on public lands.

**Youth Course**  
 AGES 11-15  
 Returning user? Sign in here.

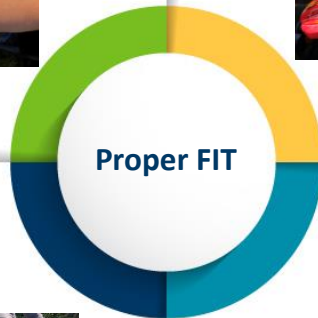
**Online Only Course**  
 AGES 16 & OLDER  
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## FIT Requirement

Able to reach brake control lever with first bend in fingers



Legs parallel w/bend at 90 degrees & distinct bend in elbows – Good fit



3 inch seat clearance required when standing



Exceeds clearance





## Violations encountered on public road right of ways...

Registration: Expired or none at all

Youth > No Helmet & No parent with

Too many passengers

Operating ATV in Traffic lane

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## Other violations

- No Headlights (must be on at all times)
- Adults allowing operation in violation of law (under 18)
- Careless Operation
- Operate in prohibited areas (public waters or wetlands)
- DWI

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## Road Crossings – operator must:

- Cross 90 degrees
- Come to complete stop
- Yield to traffic
- Cross divided highway at intersections



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## Operation at Night

Lights on at all times (regardless of time of day)

May not operate against traffic at night

Items towed must have reflective material and rigid hitch

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## DWI

MN Statute 84.91

A person who operates or is in physical control of a Snowmobile or ATV is subject to sections 169A

A person who refuses to comply with tests shall be prohibited from operating an ATV for a period of one year

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## License Revocation under DWI law

A person's **driver's license can be withdrawn immediately** following any test failure or refusal.

The person is given a seven-day temporary license to drive before the withdrawal becomes effective.

The period of **license withdrawal is based on the current offense and number of prior impaired incidents.**

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## DWI Violator Using an Off-road Recreational Vehicle or Motorboat

*Any person who commits a DWI violation involving an off-road recreational vehicle or motorboat is **subject to the same administrative sanctions and criminal penalties** as the person would be if arrested while driving a regular motor vehicle.*

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# Thank You!