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## Off-Road Vehicle Requirements

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### Overview

Under existing off-road vehicle legislation, there are a number of requirements you may need in order to operate your off-road vehicle. Requirements may include registration, insurance, identification, safety training certificate, safety equipment and trail passes.

### Eligibility

Registration – All off-road vehicles must be registered each year

Insurance – required for snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles (recommended, but not required for dirt bikes and dune buggies)

Safety Training Certificate- required if you are under 16 years old or are supervising youth operators

Trail Passes – for snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles using New Brunswick-managed trails pass must be permanently attached and clearly visible

### Description

#### Insurance Requirements

Snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles must be insured unless operated only on the owner's property by the owner.

The vehicle must be covered by a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that includes first-party accident benefits and third-party liability insurance in an amount of no less than \$200,000.

Remember to carry proof of insurance when you operate your off-road vehicle.

Insurance is mandatory for all off-road vehicles operating on trails, except for dirt bikes and dune buggies.

#### Required Safety Equipment

- All operators and passengers of any off-road vehicle are required to wear a helmet that complies with standards prescribed under the motor vehicle act.
- Off-road vehicles must be equipped with at least one working headlight, a red tail light and a red brake light
- At least one rearview mirror must be mounted on the left side of the vehicle
- If the off-road vehicle was equipped with turn signals when it was manufactured, they must be maintained and in working order

- Amber lights or amber reflectors must be mounted on each side of the vehicle
- Off-road vehicles must have a muffler or exhaust system that complies with the manufacturer's original specifications
- Operators are prohibited from driving off-road vehicles that cause excessive or unusual noise

## Age Requirements

Snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle operators under the age of 16 are required to take an approved safety training course. Off-road vehicles must be registered and insured.

All operators under 16 years of age must:

- Complete an approved safety training course
- Be supervised in clear view of someone who is at least 19 years old.

## Size restrictions for operators under 16

Age 6-11:

- All-terrain vehicle not exceeding 70cc
- Snowmobile not exceeding 120cc
- Dirt bike not exceeding 120cc

Age 12-13

- All-terrain vehicle not exceeding 90cc
- Snowmobile not exceeding 340cc
- Dirt bike not exceeding 150cc

Age 14-15

- All-terrain vehicle not exceeding 90cc
- Snowmobile not exceeding 340cc
- Dirt bike not exceeding 230cc

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