

## Safety Tips

Following these safety tips will make your trip more enjoyable and will help keep you safe.

- Always wear appropriate safety gear. This should include a helmet, shatter resistant eye protection, long pants, long sleeves, boots that cover the ankles, and gloves.
- Always ride in control. Never attempt things beyond your riding skill level or the machine's capabilities.
- Always inform someone where you are going and when to expect you back. You should also bring someone along with you and avoid going alone.
- Check the weather forecast before you leave and plan accordingly.
- Be prepared for an emergency. Always carry a first aid kit, tool kit, survival equipment, extra fuel, and extra water.
- Only carry passengers if your OHV is specifically designed to do so. If it is not designed for passengers then the balance of the machine can be thrown off which can lead to loss of control.

- Never drink and ride. Alcohol and OHV's don't mix. It's and illegal combination and can lead to injury or death.
- Use an appropriate sized machine. Riders should be able to straddle the machine with a slight bend of the knee when both feet are on the foot rests. They should also be able to reach the controls easily. Riding a machine that is too big is a common cause of injury.



## Trip Planning Checklist

Plan your trip carefully. Make sure your machine is in top mechanical condition before each ride by inspecting the machine.

Be sure to carry a few basic items with you in case of an emergency.

- Extra fuel and oil
- Plenty of extra water and food
- Basic first aid kit
- Basic tools that fit your machine
- A flashlight
- Waterproof matches
- A tow strap or strong rope
- A map, compass, and GPS device
- Duct tape and electrical tape
- A tire repair kit
- Extra spark plugs
- Cell phone or two-way radios
- Camera for your adventures

For extended trips consider these items in addition

- Spare throttle and brake cables
- Extra brake fluid
- A good survival kit
- A spare tire or tube
- Master links for chain repair



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