

**As a reminder here are the DNR requirements for age, training, helmet and speed requirements when operating or riding in an ATV or UTV**

**ATV/UTV Age Rule**

*All ATV operators at least age 12 and UTV operators age 16 and born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV safety certificate issued by this state or any other state or province. Operators must be in possession of this certificate while operating in areas open to the public such as trails, routes and frozen waterways and display it to a law enforcement officer upon request. Certified operators may transport other passengers. ATV Safety Institute (ASI) certificates are not valid in Wisconsin.*

*All ATV safety certified operators age 12-15 must also be accompanied by an adult while operating on a designated ATV Route (this means any road used by motor vehicles)*

**Small UTV Rule**

*Children age 12 – 15 years may operate small UTVs (200 ccs or less) on public, off-road ATV trails only. The child may cross roads at trail crossings, however no operation is allowed on designated ATV Road Routes. The child must be accompanied by a designated adult and possess a valid ATV Safety Certificate.*

**Helmet Requirements**

*All ATV/UTV operators and passenger under the age of 18 are required to wear a minimum DOT standard ATV or motorcycle helmet.*

*Bicycle helmets do not meet this requirement.*

**Helmets for Passengers:**

*If circumstances would require you to wear a helmet as the operator then you, as a passenger, must wear a helmet.*

**Speed Limits and Pavement Regulations**

*The maximum speed limit for ATV's and UTV's on Road Routes is the posted speed limit of the road, however your speed cannot exceed 35 MPH regardless if the road speed limit is greater than 35 MPH. Please obey this basic rule, the easiest way for us to lose our privilege of driving on the road routes is to exceed the speed limit.*

*In addition, at all times you are required to keep your ATV or UTV on the pavement, do not ride on the shoulder of the road. If a vehicle is trying to pass you wait until you can pull over at an intersection or there is a safe passing zone for the vehicle.*

**Hand Signals**

*There are specific hand signals to use when riding on the trails, they are there for not only your safety, but the safety of your fellow riders who are sharing the same trails. Please familiarize yourself with them and use them when riding, For specific DNR Regulations please go to the Wisconsin DNR Website*

**ATV/UTV Hand Signals:** We have noticed, that some drivers do not use the appropriate hand signals. As a courtesy and reminder all drivers please refer to the below for the proper hand signals.

Using hand signals while riding will help people around you know what you are doing and where you are going, which ultimately leads to a safer ride.

**Stop**



**Slow Down**



**Left Turn**



**Right Turn**



**Oncoming Traffic**

**Pat Your Helmet**



**ATVs Following**  
Show number of fingers shows number of machines following  
Closed Fist shows you are last rider



**Hazard Ahead**



*Extend arm and point in the direction of the hazard (right or left).*