

FAQ

Safety Training Courses

How do I access safety training?

Safety training courses are provided by:

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Is it an offence for a youth under 16 to operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile without the required training or for someone to allow a youth under 16 to operate these vehicles without verifying they have the training?

In order to ensure compliance with the mandatory training provisions, the amendments create the following new offences under the Off-Road Vehicle Act:

- Operation of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile by a person under the age of sixteen without having successfully completed the approved training course (Category E offence: 240 - \$2,620)
- Owner or person in possession or control of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile permitting person under the age of sixteen to operate the vehicle without having them produce a document certifying they have successfully completed the approved training course (Category E offence: 240 - \$2,620)



Minimum Age Requirement

Will the minimum age for operating an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile be increased?

No, the amendments do not change the minimum age of operation. However, when operating an off-road vehicle, the Act requires anyone under the age of fourteen (14) to be supervised and accompanied by and, at all times within the clear view of someone over the age of nineteen (19).

Insurance

Is it an offence not to carry the required insurance for my all-terrain vehicle?

Yes, it is an offence not to carry the required insurance for your all-terrain vehicle, as well as your snowmobile (Category H offence: 500 - \$10250).

Managed Trails

When will new trails be ready?

New trails are in development and others will be developed as funds from the Trust are dispersed in coming years. Various ATV Federation Clubs in the province have already developed trails. It is anticipated that a series of approved trails, similar to those operated by snowmobile clubs, will eventually take shape. Contact the NBATVF or visit the www.nbatvf.com for more information about where they are located.

Who will be the ATV trail manager?

The Minister of Natural Resources has been given the authority to appoint the all-terrain vehicle trail manager. The ATV Federation is intended to be the trail manager for the purpose of the all-terrain vehicle managed trail provisions.

Do I need a trail pass to ride on the existing and newly constructed ATV trails?

It is not mandatory to obtain a trail pass for ATV trails at this time. However, some clubs do, or will be, selling passes for their trail systems. Please contact the NBATVF for more details.



Enforcement

Who will enforce the new offences under the Off-Road Vehicle Act?

The RCMP, municipal police forces and the Department of Natural Resources have authority to enforce all offences under the Off-Road Vehicle Act.

Peace officers have the authority to request or signal the operator of an off-road vehicle to stop for an inspection of documents and equipment.

Trail Management Trust Fund

Who administers the trust fund money?

The Minister of Natural Resources is the custodian and trustee of the Trail Management Trust Fund. An Advisory Board will be established, including members from the ATV and Snowmobile Federations, to provide advice and make recommendations to the Minister for payments out of the Fund.

How much money will be directed to trail development and maintenance activities, enforcement, education and promotion of better practices?

Each Federation will have different priorities for the money. Priorities will be determined in consultation with the Advisory Board.

Does any of the Trust Fund money revert to Government if it is not used in the year it is collected?

No, the Trust Fund will be held in a separate account. Funds collected from all-terrain vehicle registrations for the Trust Fund will go back to all-terrain vehicle trail development and maintenance activities and money collected from snowmobile registrations will go back to snowmobile trail development and maintenance activities. Any funds not used in the current year will be carried over.

