Requirements for OHV Operation

Trails

These are the requirements for motorbikes, ATVs, UTVs and Specialty Off-highway vehicles operating off-highway on a designated trail, open riding area or motocross track.

- A valid IDPR OHV registration sticker. IC 67-7122
- A helmet under age 18. IC 49-666
- A muffler and Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test, SAE J1287. IC 67-7125

State & Federal Roads

This includes Idaho Department of Lands, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and privately owned roads open to OHV use. Contact the land owner or manager for information on roads open to OHV use.

- OHV Education Certificate for unlicensed operators. IC 49-302(11a) U.S. Forest Service Roads only.
- Valid driver’s license (except under the age of 16 when supervised by a licensed adult operator). IC 49-301 or IC 49-302 For purposes of this subsection, “supervised” means that the supervising licensed adult must be in a position, on another OHV to provide close support, assistance or direction, or if on the ground, within three hundred (300) feet of the unlicensed operator.
- Liability insurance or alternative insurance. IC 49-1223 or IC 49-1232
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker IC 67-7122
- A helmet under age 18. IC 49-666
- Muffler and U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test, SAE J1287. IC 67-7125

City & County Roads

The following requirements must be met on city, county, and highway district roads. Certain roads may be closed by local jurisdiction. Check with local jurisdiction for information on roads open to OHV use.

- Valid restricted vehicle license plate. IC 49-402(4)
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker affixed to restricted vehicle license plate. IC 67-7122
- Valid driver’s license. IC 49-301
- Liability insurance or alternative insurance. IC 49-1223 or IC 49-1232
- A helmet under age 18. IC 49-666
- Muffler and U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test. SAE J1287. IC 67-7125

For safe operation on roads the following equipment is recommended:

- Brake light.
- Headlight and taillight after dark/poor visibility.
- Horn audible at 200 feet.
- Mirror showing roadway 200 feet behind the OHV.

OHV Weights & Measures

Motorbike

Wheels/Tires: 2

ATV (All Terrain Vehicle)

Wheels/Tires: 3 or more
Steering: Handlebars
Seat Type: Straddle
Width: 50" maximum
Wheelbase: 61" maximum

UTV or ROV (Utility Type Vehicle)

Wheels/Tires: 4
Steering: Steering Wheel
Width: 50" minimum, 74" maximum
Wheelbase: 110" maximum
Weight: 900 pounds minimum to 2,000 pounds maximum

SOHV (Specialty Off-Highway Vehicle)

Any vehicle designed or constructed exclusively for off highway operation that does not fit the definition of an ATV, UTV or Motorbike. SOHVs include a buggy, modified golf cart, modified rock crawler, jeep or sand rail.