

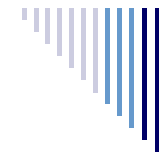
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**§ 14-159.3. Trespass to land on motorized all terrain vehicle.**

(a) No person shall operate any motorized all terrain vehicle:(1) On any private property not owned by the operator, without the consent of the owner; or (2) Within the banks of any stream or waterway, but excluding a sound or the Atlantic Ocean, the adjacent lands of which are not owned by the operator, without the consent of the owner or outside the restrictions imposed by the owner.

(b) A "motorized all terrain vehicle", as used in this section, is a two or more wheeled vehicle designed for recreational off-road use.

(c) A violation of this section shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor.



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**All Terrain Vehicle:  
Use and Misuse**



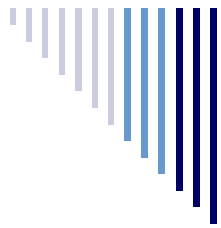
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# What is an ATV?

An all terrain vehicle (ATV) is a motor vehicle with two or more wheels fitted with large tires for off road use. It is primarily manufactured for recreational use on rugged terrain.



## Did You Know?

You Could be charged with a Misdemeanor if:

- You injure or destroy public or private property while operating your ATV
- You damage any trees, crops, or land belonging to another person



- You trespass on state-owned land without the permission of the state

**You are subject to pay fines or be charged with the repair of damaged property or land**

An ATV is not a toy. Children should not be permitted to operate ATVs without specialized training and then they should be allowed to only operate an ATV of an appropriate size. Contact the [ATV Safety Institute](#) to enroll in a course.

ATVs with an engine size of 70cc to 90cc should be operated by people at least 12 years of age.

ATVs with an engine size of greater than 90cc should only be operated by people at least 16 years of age.

Wear appropriate riding gear: DOT-, Snell ANSI-approved helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve shirt and long pants.

Read owners' manuals carefully.

ATVs are not made for multiple riders.  
Never carry anyone else on the ATV.

Any added attachments affect the stability, operating and braking of the ATV.

Just because an attachment is available doesn't mean that it can be used without increasing your risk of being injured.

Do not operate the ATV on streets, highways or paved roads.

Do not operate the ATV under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.