

All operators and passengers of all ATVs/UTVs shall comply with all federal, state, and local ordinances, laws, orders, regulations, restrictions and rules.

Helmets

- All individuals under the age of 18, either operating or riding on an ATV/UTV, must wear a helmet.

Operator Requirements

- No person who is at least 12 years old and who is born on or after January 1, 1988, may operate an ATV unless holding a valid WDNR safety certificate or a valid certificate from another state or Canada.
- Minor shall carry the certificate while operating, and shall present the certificate to a law enforcement officer upon request.
- No person who is under 16 years of age may operate an UTV on a roadway.

Proof of Registration

- ATVs/UTVs shall have their Wisconsin DNR registration number clearly visible and in legible letters from the rear of the vehicle.
- A copy of the current, valid registration certificate shall be present on the vehicle and shall be presented to law enforcement when requested.

Speed Limits

- Where speeds are not posted, ATVs/UTVs shall not operate at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour (MPH).
- When within 100 feet of a pedestrian or within 150 feet of a home, ATVs/UTVs shall not operate at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour (MPH).

Hours

- Shall not be operated on any County Highway between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Lights

- Shall not operate on any County Highway without fully functional headlights, taillights, and brake lights.

Operations

- Shall operate on the far-right side of the paved surface.
- Shall only operate on the paved portion of the County Road.
- Right of Way; unless yielding the right of way or lane if pavement does not exist.
- Multiple units shall operate single file, providing sufficient distance between vehicles.
- ATVs/UTVs may not harass or restrict travel for frightened or distressed animals used in transportation within the roadway.

Seatbelts

- All occupants riding in or operating a UTV shall be required to wear a seatbelt when traveling on any County Highway in Columbia County.

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ATV / UTV Guidelines

This document is a quick reference of common County Ordinance and State Statutory concerns. For a complete listing of all County Ordinance or State Statute requirements; refer to section 9.13 of Columbia County Ordinances or Wis. Stats. §23.33 (April, 2022).

