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).

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ATV / UTV Route Map

