

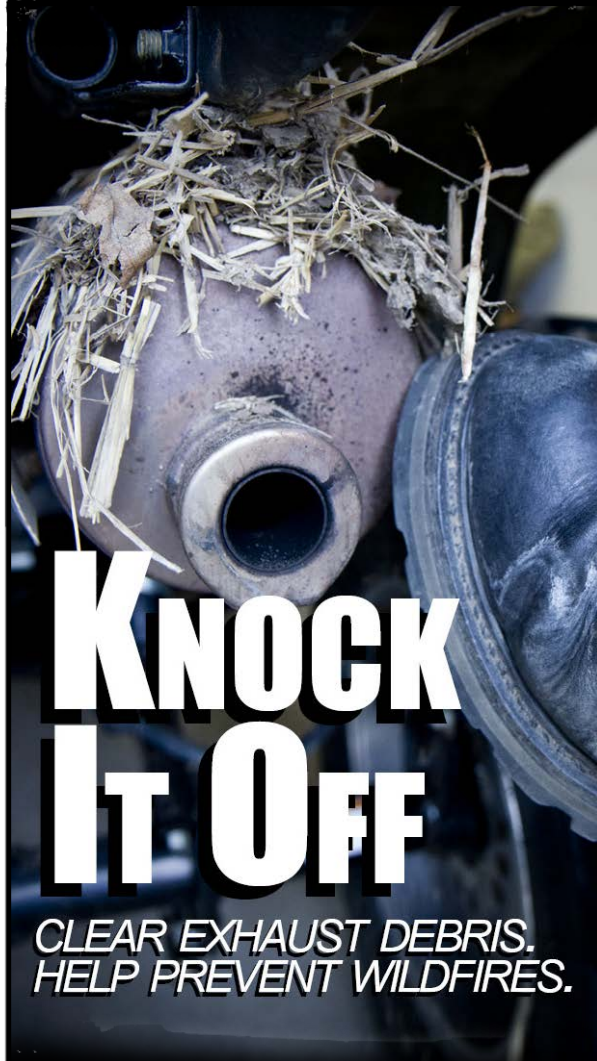


Safety is our #1 priority.

Within the boundaries of Athabasca County, the use of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) is governed by the Traffic Safety Act of Alberta and the Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw #11-2009 of Athabasca County.

The laws are enforced by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Athabasca County's Community Peace Officer.

These rules are for everyone's well-being. We appreciate your efforts in helping us keep Athabasca County a safe place to have fun!



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ATHABASCA COUNTY

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE



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Provincial and local laws

Traffic Safety Act

Alberta's Traffic Safety Act (TSA) regulations apply to the entire province. These laws include the minimum age for riders and proof of insurance. Riders who do not obey these regulations will be subject to fines administered by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or by Athabasca County's Community Peace Officer.

The TSA allows municipalities to enact their own by-laws to complement or elaborate on its regulations. It is important to always check the bylaws of the municipality where you will be riding.

Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw

In 2009, Athabasca County council approved the Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw #11-2009. This Bylaw is enforced by Athabasca County's Community Peace Officer.

To read the bylaw, visit athabascacounty.com or call (780) 675 2273 or for more information.

Riding in Athabasca County

A few key points to remember about the County's bylaw include:

- Every OHV operator must have a valid Class 5 or greater driver's license. If you have a valid Class 7 learner's permit, you must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian 18 years or older with a valid Class 5 or greater license.
- Drive your OHV single file on the extreme right hand side of municipal roads or in the ditch.
- The maximum speed limits are 30km/h in a ditch; 50km/h on County roads; and 30km/h in hamlets and subdivisions.
- Operate your OHV with valid registration, insurance and plates.
- Always carry proof of insurance, registration, and identification.
- You may only operate your OHV between 8:00am and 10:00pm.
- You may not operate your OHV in or on an Environmental Reserve or anywhere signs may be posted prohibiting the use of OHVs.

OHV operators that contravene the bylaw are guilty of an offense and subject to the associated fine.

Remember: this by-law only applies to Athabasca County. Check with the Town of Athabasca, the Village of Boyle, and the summer villages about their regulations if you plan to ride your OHV within their boundaries.

Remember to respect other trail users. Leave space when passing bikers, hikers, skiers, and horseback riders at safe speeds.

Tips & Tricks

- Always wear a Department of Transportation-approved helmet and other gear when riding your OHV.
- Set a good example for young drivers by following the rules and always driving in a responsible manner.
- Recognize the power of your vehicle: know its limitations and your own.
- Help minimize trail degradation by not spinning or skidding your tires.
- Take the shortest route possible through populated areas and keep your speed and exhaust noise down to prevent disturbance.
- Prevent wildfires by keeping your machine clean and the exhaust free of debris.
- Respect the environment by sticking to existing trails and packing all garbage.