



ARIZONA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE LAWS

Registration Requirements

All off-highway vehicles (OHVs) designed for use over unimproved terrain and weighing 2,500 pounds or less must display a valid Arizona OHV decal to operate on public roads. Residents must purchase the OHV decal through the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division. Non-residents who will operate exclusively on unmaintained roads can purchase the non-resident OHV decal through the Arizona Game and Fish Department by creating a portal account at azgfd.gov. "Street legal" registration is required to operate an OHV on publicly maintained roads designed for conventional two-wheel drive vehicles (can be dirt and pavement). "Street legal" off-highway vehicles will have a license plate with a registration decal (just like your car or truck) and an OHV decal.

Mandatory Equipment Requirements

- Helmet with a D.O.T. rating for anyone under 18
- Eye protection for the driver or a windshield
- Headlight(s) and taillight(s) visible from 500 feet if operated from dusk till dawn
- At least one brake and brake light
- License plate securely fastened to the rear
- Seat and footrests for the operator and each passenger
- Spark arrestor
- Muffler
- Rearview mirror

Additional Required Equipment for "Street Legal" OHVs

- License plate light
- Vehicle insurance
- Horn
- Valid driver's license

LAWS REGARDING SAFE AND ETHICAL USE

- A person shall not drive an OHV with reckless disregard for safety or property, off an existing road in a manner that causes damage, or on closed roads or trails.
- A person shall not drive at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, conditions and actual and potential hazards then existing.
- A person shall not drive cross-country where prohibited.
- DUI and DWI laws apply to OHVs on dirt roads the same as any other automobile.
- Having passengers on an OHV is prohibited unless it has permanently attached seats designed to carry passengers.
- A vehicle cannot have more than two aftermarket lights and two fog lights. These lights cannot be higher than 42 inches above ground and cannot project the beam farther than 75 feet from the front of the vehicle. Lights must be dimmed within 500 feet of oncoming traffic and 200 feet from behind.
- It is unlawful to chase or harass wildlife.



For more information on rules and places to ride visit:

www.azgfd.gov/ohv

For a complete list of traffic laws visit:

www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=28

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