

## **All-Terrain Vehicles**

West Virginia University Environmental Health and Safety



## **Pre-Use Activities**



- Receive instructions on safe operation of the vehicle, including
  descriptions of specific property hazards/obstacles and vehicle weight
  carrying/towing limits when assigned tasks requiring the use of an all-terrain vehicle.
- Review and understand information provided in the all-terrain vehicle operator's manual, specifically the safety procedures.
- Inspect the all-terrain vehicle for damage or disrepair.
- Notify supervisor and remove the vehicle from service by attaching a red tag that states "OUT OF SERVICE" if an all-terrain vehicle fails the pre-use inspection. Complete red tag with appropriate information.

## **Operating Requirements**

- Wear an approved helmet.
- Be able to reach and operate all controls necessary to operate the vehicle.
- Never carry passengers all-terrain vehicles.
- Never drive an all terrain vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent or at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.
- Obey the speed limit of 15 miles per hour unless posted otherwise when driving within 50 feet of any campground, campsite, or concentration of people or animals shall be.
- Do not place in motion an all-terrain vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.
- Do not turn an all-terrain vehicle from a direct course or move right or left until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.
- Obey all signs, signals, or traffic control devices placed or maintained by a government authority.
- Do not operate an all-terrain vehicle with a wanton and willful disregard for the safety of other persons or property.
- Do not be operate all terrain vehicle in a manner likely to cause malicious or unnecessary damage to the land, wildlife, wildlife habitat or vegetative resources.
- Ensure that all-terrain vehicles <u>operated between sunset and sunrise</u> are equipped with one tail lamp and one head lamp that is sufficient to see 200 feet ahead.