

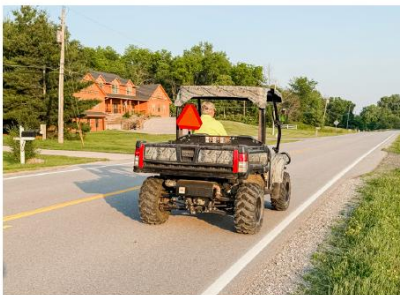
DRIVING YOUR ATV OR UTV/ORV ON IOWA PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS

Know the Law. Ride Responsibly.



How to Drive on Public Roads

- Do not exceed 35 MPH.
- Driver must be age 18 or older with a valid driver's license.
- Do not drive while impaired or with open alcohol container.
- Headlight(s) must be on at all times.



What is Required for the Vehicle

- Proof of insurance.
- Registered with Iowa DNR and sticker displayed on rear of vehicle.
- Out-of-state vehicle must have an Iowa DNR nonresident user permit sticker.
- Functioning required equipment, including but not limited to: horn, mirrors, headlight(s), tail lights, and brake lights.
- Display slow-moving vehicle sign.

ATV vs. UTV/ORV: Key Differences

ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle)	UTV/ORV (Utility Task Vehicle) (Off-Road Utility Vehicle)
	
Handlebars	Steering wheel
1-2 riders straddle seat	2-6 riders sit inside bench or bucket seat
3,4, or 6 wheels	4 or 6 wheels

Slow-Moving Vehicle Sign



Reflective sign with an orange triangle and dark red border that **must be displayed on rear of vehicle for ag or personal use.**
(Iowa Code 321.383)

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Exemptions for Ag Use on Public Roads (Implements of Husbandry)

- No DNR registration required.
- No license needed if within 2 miles of farm. Class C license required if beyond 2 miles.
- Operation allowed only between sunrise and sunset.



When and Where You Can Ride

- Operation allowed day or night.
- Roadway use allowed (except interstates and four-lane roads).
- Use state two-lane or county highways only on the most direct, accessible route to: an ATV/UTV/ORV park or trail, the nearest county road, an authorized city street, or your residence.
- Crossing multi-lane highways allowed only at intersections from authorized roads.

Prioritize Your Safety

-  Wear a helmet.
-  Use a safety belt or harness, if available.
-  Drive sober.

ATVs/UTVs and Iowa Law

ATVs/UTVs are regulated for use on roadways by Iowa code sections 321I and 321.234A.

Always refer to the most current version of the Iowa Code for legal guidance.



[321I](#)



[321.234A](#)

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