

RESOURCES

For more information on ATV safety, Florida laws or to find designated areas to ride off-highway vehicles, visit these websites:

Florida Legislature
www.leg.state.fl.us

Florida Division of Forestry
www.fl-dof.com

US Consumer Product Safety Commission
www.cpsc.gov

For more information, call:

Collier County Sheriff's Office
Government Center, Building J
3301 Tamiami Trail E
Naples FL
(239) 774-4434

Safety & Traffic Enforcement Bureau
(239) 252-0333

Agriculture Patrol Bureau
(239) 252-0333

Youth Relations Bureau
(239) 793-9260

Patrol Group
(239) 793-9204



SHERIFF KEVIN J. RAMBOSK
www.colliersheriff.org

A photograph of a person wearing a black helmet and a light blue t-shirt riding a dark green Suzuki ATV in a grassy field. The ATV has 'SUZUKI' and '760' visible on it. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

RIDE SAFE

know the law

The logo for the Collier County Sheriff's Office. It is a circular seal with a five-pointed star in the center. The star has a blue top point, a red bottom point, and a green left point. The words 'COMMUNITY', 'SAFETY', and 'SERVICE' are written in red, green, and blue respectively along the inner edge of the seal. The outer ring of the seal contains the text 'COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE' at the top and 'SHERIFF KEVIN J. RAMBOSK' at the bottom.

Collier County Sheriff's Office
SHERIFF KEVIN J. RAMBOSK
Emergency 911 NON Emergency 252-9300
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The most important part of an enjoyable riding experience begins with being safe and knowing the laws. Educate yourself, ride safe and know the law.

DRIVER LAWS

- It is a civil infraction to ride an ATV on any public roadway, right of way or highway [F.S. 316.0274(5)]. ATVs are considered motor vehicles under Florida State Statute and you can be criminally cited if you do not have a valid driver's license [F.S. 322.03(1)].

Example: Someone younger than 18-years-old caught riding an ATV on the roadway can be cited for both driving an ATV without a license and driving an ATV on a roadway.

- ATVs must be issued a certificate of title if purchased after 07/01/2002 [F.S. 317.0006].
- It is a criminal offense for a parent to allow a child who is under 16 to drive an ATV on a roadway [F.S. 322.35].
- ATV passengers under the age of 16 must wear a helmet [F.S. 316.2074(3)].

PROPERTY LAWS

- Get permission first. You must have permission to ride on someone's property.
- If there are no trespassing signs posted or you are told to leave the property by an authorized person or owner you are trespassing and committing a criminal offense.
- If you open any fence or gate that exposes animals to escape or makes property vulnerable to theft you are committing a criminal offense.
- If you damage a property owner's fence or gate to get onto the property you are committing a criminal offense.

SAFETY LAWS

- Florida law requires riders to wear appropriate safety equipment while operating any off-highway vehicle. Many injuries and deaths that occur can be avoided.

- Helmets are important in reducing head injuries.
- Protective gloves and boots reduce injuries and burns.
- Eye protection is recommended when riding in the woods.

- Don't operate an ATV if you have been drinking or taking drugs. Thirty percent of all accidents involve drivers under the influence.

- All ATV drivers should undergo a hands-on training course and be familiar with the vehicle they are driving.

